

*Administration of Justice*

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, the member for Yukon is taking devious ways to prevent the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette) from reading a press report.

Let him quote the standing order stating that the hon. member for Villeneuve must assume responsibility for what he reads. Paragraph 1 of citation 157 of Beauchesne reads as follows:

The practice of reading extracts from newspapers to support an argument in debate has been followed in the British house since 1840, when Speaker Peel—

Whom he never knew.

—with the acquiescence of the house, allowed a member to proceed to read passages from a newspaper.

Let the member for Yukon tell us where in Beauchesne, May, Bourinot and all the others standing orders in English or in French—

**Some hon. Members:** Pascal.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Pascal or any other, it is said he must assume responsibility for that. The only duty of the hon. member for Villeneuve is to see that he does not go against the ruling you made and to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 7 of Beauchesne, citation 157.

If you want the hon. member to comply with them, allow him to read this press report, and you will see. But the member for Yukon objects even before a line is read. You cannot judge whether it is in order or not, because he is afraid of the article being read. How true it is, Mr. Speaker. Since a few minutes ago, they all look cowed. Just look at them. They even want to adjourn—

[English]

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** Would the hon. gentleman permit a question?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon.

**Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon):** Mr. Speaker, with all due deference to you, may I point out the standing rules of the house?

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker—

[English]

**Mr. Brand:** I have the floor. Would you sit down?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Winkler:** That's the boy. You fellows know how to do it. The same old gang.

[Mr. Starr.]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is a little difficult for the Chair to listen to more than one member at the same time. At the moment the Chair proposes to listen to the hon. member for Saskatoon.

**Mr. Brand:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With all due deference, Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the decision you have recently made, and refer the hon. member for Villeneuve and yourself to Provisional Standing Order 12, subsection (1):

Mr. Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order. In explaining a point of order or practice, he shall state the Standing Order or authority applicable to the case. No debate shall be permitted on any such decision, nor shall any such decision be subject to an appeal to the House.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, it is a fact that this article does not involve any member of this house.

[English]

The *Star* says—

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Caouette:** September 1,—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Nielsen:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Caouette:** The minister says—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please, order. The Chair is having some difficulty. I have advised the hon. member for Villeneuve that he is not to read an article which reflects upon the proceedings of the house. The proper citations have been given to the hon. member and to the house. If the hon. member reads the article and it does reflect upon the proceedings of the house, he is out of order.

• (4:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Langlois (Mégantic):** I rise on a point of order. Without reflecting in any way on your decision, Mr. Speaker, you might find this article does not reflect on this debate but contains a few statements of historical fact which might enlighten the house.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker—

[English]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Hon. members opposite need not shout "Sit down."