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much money they were going to pay the Grey cup players, because they ordered the players to perform on the C.B.C. network. I got a couple of very knowing smiles, the inference being that I was an ignorant boy who was new in the house, and I was given the answer that this was something I should take up with the C.B.C. I did not have time to take up the matter with the C.B.C. and I asked the question the second time. The C.B.C. had been ordered to broadcast the Grey cup game across the nation. The players in that game were going to entertain the millions of Canadians who look at the C.B.C. network stations, but the players were not getting any extra money from the C.B.C. for entertaining these millions of people.

These professional players are not dumb. We have a very good example of how smart they are in one who sits right in this house. Nobody can question his intelligence or mental capacity.

I have said before that if you start to speak about freedom of expression on the C.B.C. we are told, as was done to the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam, that there can be no censorship, no discipline, not even when they make mistakes. This sacred cow or white elephant has got to be tethered and brought to time. I say to you that the O'Leary report is mixed up in this whole C.B.C. matter. Here we have \$87 million being sought for the C.B.C. and questions are being asked: "What has happened to the O'Leary report?"

What about the O'Leary report? What are you going to do for our suffering magazines? I tell you that the magazines and newspapers are suffering because of the millions of dollars in advertising revenue that are being drained away from them by radio and television. There is talk about United States magazines such as *Reader's Digest* and *Time*, as though they were wrecking the Canadian publishing business. It is not *Reader's Digest* and *Time* that are wrecking the Canadian publishing business. It is the radio and television operations of the C.B.C. with its government subsidy of \$87,644,900. The advertising rates that are set by an organization with a government subsidy of \$87 million bear no relation to cost. Private television stations have to quote rates that bear some semblance to those quoted by the C.B.C. Newspapers and magazines in Canada have to quote rates that have to compete with the subsidized rates of the C.B.C. and the countervailing rates of private television. I can tell you the reason why our newspapers and magazines are in distress. It is because of the \$87,644,900 that is being voted to the C.B.C. They should be out of the business.

The Chairman: Order. I regret that I must interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has given us a great discourse about soccer players in England and marbles in Canada. We want him to know how much we appreciate it, because we want to hear from him what he thinks about the C.B.C. making CJBC a French station.

The Chairman: Has the hon. member unanimous consent to carry on?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, I hoped there would be a disposition to give the hon. member more time because he has not taken much time during the session.

Mr. Churchill: We want him to continue.

Mr. Howard: I wonder if I could just indicate, in relation to that latter remark by the Secretary of State, that we do not want to hear any more nonsense from him when other people speak in debates.

Mr. Nesbitt: I was willing to give the floor to the hon. member for York-Humber if we could get unanimous consent. However, I understood there was some objection from the group on my left.

Some hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Pickersgill: I did not hear any objection from anyone.

Mr. Cowan: I wish to thank hon. members of the committee for their indulgence. I understand their interest in what I am saying and it indicates to me they would like to have heard some of these facts during the past eight months that this house has been in session. However, no opportunity was given to discuss C.B.C. matters. This is now December 21, and everybody wants to go home for Christmas. There are a few of us left here, enough to make a quorum, but we want to go home for Christmas too, the time at which we celebrate the birth of Christ. How many of you realize that three days after the birth of Christ, in some churches they celebrate the slaughter of the innocents? I might tell you that here we are being asked to vote \$87,644,900, which certainly represents the slaughter of innocent taxpayers.

These taxpayers would not need to be subjected to this cost whatever, if the C.B.C. were out of the network business. They should be providing programs which could be leased to private firms for television stations, for cable television or for use in theatre organizations. In speaking on C.B.C. matters,