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vised on a certain night. Then again another dozen or so letters would tell me what a wonderful program it was and what a great thing it was to have me as minister and to see programs on the C.B.C. by independent producers. So there is no way in which you can deal with programming per se.

I think in the area of finance there does need to be a little discipline exercised. Although I am only dealing with small details at the moment, frankly when these estimates come again I intend to spend some little time dealing with the paper which the minister has put before us this afternoon and which I did not anticipate; therefore I am only dealing with the mechanical aspects at the moment.

I think there could perhaps be some criticism of the C.B.C. in some of its expenditures, for example in sending camera parties here, there and everywhere, to places where we have good existing media of communications. I think it is true that there were more cameramen present at the Olympic games in Tokyo than there were medals won. I think that that is a particular area deserving careful examination.

I am also directly concerned—I am mentioning this now because I know the minister will deal with it later on—with one particular item of his expenditures, and that is the loan amounting to \$14,500,000 or \$14,250,000 to the corporation. Loans have been made in the old days. I am not criticizing any government for this. Possibly they were made under the government of R. B. Bennett, but the point is that they have been built up, built up and built up until the minister concerned had millions of dollars under loan, all of which was impossible of repayment. To make a loan to the C.B.C. is the same as giving a snowball to a fireman in a furnace room and expecting him to return it tomorrow morning. The snowball of course will have evaporated just in the same way as this money is spent. To call it a loan is a euphemistic statement of the most extreme kind. In addition to the money listed in the public account we also have this \$14,250,000 loan, which as I said is a euphemistic expression which I think is used to cover additional expenditures.

I notice the hour is five o'clock, Mr. Chairman, but as I said I am only touching on a few of the mechanical aspects at the moment. The minister has brought forward a very interesting document this afternoon and I am sure he would be very disappointed if we did not spend two or three days or even longer some time next week or the week after in

[Mr. Nowlan.]

order to discuss the matters he has put before us. Therefore, may I call it five o'clock?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, may I just say the house leader, who is detained elsewhere, asked me whether I would come down to the house and see, since the house has been so agreeable these last few days, whether there is a general disposition to go right on until six o'clock with these estimates? Perhaps the hon. gentleman himself wants to make a speech, as well as others, and this would provide a wonderful hour for making them.

Mr. Nowlan: No. I think the minister's remarks were of such a wide ranging nature and so different from what is usually entertained on estimates on a Friday afternoon that as a tribute to the minister—because he deserves this tribute—we should adjourn this matter now and go ahead with private members' hour.

Mr. Pickersgill: Well, could we take some of the other items—

The Chairman: Order.

Mr. Pickersgill: —stood over from other parts of the minister's department.

The Chairman: Order, please. May I suggest this discussion is out of order and that this proposal should be made with the Speaker in the chair.

In order to allow the house to proceed with the consideration of private members' business, shall I rise, report certain resolutions, and request leave to sit again later this day or at the next sitting of the house, as the case may be?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I think it is usual on Friday afternoon before commencing private members hour for the acting house leader to inform us what business we will be dealing with on Monday and Tuesday of the following week.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I am not in my right place, but if the house will suffer me to speak I might say that the house leader is at this time consulting with the Prime Minister about that matter, and I do not think he will be in a position to say anything about it until six o'clock.

Mr. Nowlan: He will be in at six o'clock.