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letter is relevant to the debate or not. However, it is not easy to give a ruling before the letter has been read, at least in part.

Mr. Plourde: Mr. Speaker, as this letter goes back to 1847, that is over a century ago, it is exactly the reason why I object to its being read.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Middlesex East has the floor. As part of his argument he proposes to read a letter which may be perfectly relevant, or which may possibly be relevant to the debate. It is impossible for the Chair to determine that until the letter has been read, or referred to some extent. I would invite the hon. member to continue his remarks and perhaps

as he proceeds to read the letter it may be easier for the Chair to make a decision.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker. I understand that the hon. member for Middlesex East is reading to us a letter dating back to 1847. Does he imply that we in the House of Commons are Indians? What does he mean by his letter?

Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

[Text]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Mr. Speaker will have the privilege of rendering a decision on this interesting point tomorrow.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.