

Hon. Mr. O'Leary (Carleton): I am sorry to hear that. I am not attacking him.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I will draw the honourable senator's remarks to the chairman's attention at once.

Hon. Mr. Langlois: May I ask the honourable senator if they removed the *Ottawa Journal*?

Hon. Mr. O'Leary (Carleton): No, sir. The *Ottawa Journal* is still there. I made occasion to find that out. That would be a complete disaster.

DELIVERY OF NEWSPAPERS—PRIVILEGE

Hon. Gunnar S. Thorvaldson: Honourable senators, on a similar question of privilege, I do not think this occasion should pass without referring to what I deem to be another outrage that has been committed upon honourable senators, and that is the discontinuance of the delivery of newspapers in the rooms of senators.

It seems to me that if there is one thing that parliamentarians need, it is to keep up with the news. I do not know the reason for this, whether it is an economy drive or something else. If it is an economy measure, it is certainly misplaced. There is no doubt that every one of us has the financial means to make private arrangements to have newspapers delivered to our rooms, such as the *Gazette*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *Journal* and the *Citizen*. But it simply means that each of us has to go to this tremendous trouble—at infinitesimal expense, I must say—of ordering our own newspapers for our rooms. Surely things have not come to such a pass with the finances of this country or the financial allowances to this body, that it is necessary to discontinue the delivery of newspapers to the offices of senators.

STATIONERY SUPPLIES—PRIVILEGE

Hon. Donald Cameron: Honourable senators, while we are on housekeeping matters, may I draw attention to a very minor matter. Having listened to the impassioned plea of Senator O'Leary (Carleton), with which I thoroughly agree, my complaint may seem ridiculous. I would like to know who is responsible for ordering the supplies which senators are given by way of letterheads,

envelopes, scotch tape, carbon for typewriters, etc.

On the average, four out of five rolls of scotch tape have had to be thrown away after taking off one or two strips. The quality is so poor that it should not be placed in any office. Something should be done about this. Furthermore, the envelopes supplied to senators are so flimsy and thin that one can see through them and read the contents. Most of the time the gum does not stick and this is the reason for the demand for scotch tape. Much of the time the carbons for typewriters are so bad that they are not usable.

Whoever is responsible for ordering supplies should take a look at these matters.

Hon. John M. Macdonald: Honourable senators, I am not chairman of the Committee on Internal Economy, but I am a member of it. Since the chairman of the committee is not here, I might say a word or two.

I listened with great interest to Senator Grattan O'Leary on what is happening in the Reading Room. With all due respect, I think I was in that Reading Room as much as he or any other senator. I may say to honourable senators that three-quarters of those newspapers or magazines were never opened from one month to the next. If anyone were to read them all, he would do nothing else throughout the day or the week.

As far as newspapers are concerned, certainly we all want to read them, but I think it is no heavy burden on senators to arrange for their own newspapers. Furthermore, if any senator feels that he cannot go over to the House of Commons Reading Room and read a magazine there, then let him buy one at any retail outlet, or subscribe to them himself.

I see no reason why the Senate should be under the obligation of providing him with his reading matter. As for the honourable Senator Cameron, scotch tape and envelopes are too trivial to be bothered with!

EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS ACT

THIRD READING

Hon. Richard J. Stanbury moved the third reading of Bill S-25, to amend the Export and Import Permits Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.