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parliament I suggest that it is perhaps dishonest with all government departments. We are not paying patronage here and are not going to be pressured or subjected to misrepresentation without making some complaint.

I should like to use this illustration as an example. If you go into an automobile showroom and look at a Chevrolet Impala, you may decide you want to buy that Chevrolet Impala, which is being demonstrated in the showroom. You fill out a form with several details on it, such as model number and so on. Then having been shown that particular Impala model, if the salesman delivers a Chevy II from the back door, I am sure you will all agree with me that gross misrepresentation has taken place. The car that you were shown is not the car which is delivered. The car which you were delivered, could not be substituted, so far as specifications are concerned, and do the same kind of job as the car demonstrated.

I think the I.B.M. Company has taken advantage of members of parliament. It is time that more members of parliament paid attention to some of the things which happen and did something about them. That is why I raise this matter as a point of information. There are about 102 members of parliament who have indicated that they wish to buy this particular type of I.B.M. machine, which is not the machine which was demonstrated. Therefore I suggest they take a look at the situation, because they may find themselves with an unsatisfactory machine, one which was not demonstrated, but which members can do nothing about.

I raise this matter only because I expect we will be using these machines for the next ten years. Therefore it is important to us and those who follow us that we pay close attention to this very valuable piece of equipment that we are purchasing.

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Chairman, I will merely take three minutes to set the record straight.

First of all, I shall say that I was very surprised to hear the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) whose reputation is that of an intelligent man, a genuine parliamentarian, speak for half an hour in the house about typewriters. It seems to me that the member should have chosen a more important topic particularly when he is an outstanding man for whom I have much esteem.

[English]

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I suggest that the Chair has been given a very serious affront. We are all aware that there is a time limit to this debate. If you allow me to take as long as I have on this particular subject, after having already spoken for a considerable time, the affront would be to you, not to me.

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: I shall deal with the subject immediately and briefly.

A few minutes ago, in a short and very forceful speech, the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Racine) told us of some most unfortunate statements made in the house by the hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois). The newspapers made a great to-do over the serious and unfortunate charges made by the hon. member.

Mr. Chairman, this is not the first time that serious charges without solid proof are wildly thrown in the house. This is not the first time we hear violent attacks against persons who are not in the house.

I remember the accusations made last year by the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) against the R.C.M.P. They were referred to the committee on privileges and elections. My friend the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier) knows what I say is true. The committee on privileges and elections inquired into the charges made by the hon. member against the R.C.M.P., and its report clearly established that they were false.

The house will remember that the hon. member had protested that he had been molested by the R.C.M.P., which had abused his rights and even damaged some personal belongings. The report of the committee was clear and definite: the accusations were false.

Now, the member for Mégantic, in an uncontrolled outburst, attacked the municipal authorities of Notre-Dame-de-la-Guadeloupe, Frontenac county, province of Quebec. He even said that several suicides had been committed in connection with the mismanagement of the federal-provincial program of winter works. What a joke, what a great big joke. How can a responsible man say such wild, extravagant and foolish things?

Go down in the street and ask the young people what they think about members of parliament. They are rather puzzled, fairly