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On the other hand, the provinces play the same game with the municipalities and school boards which they will control within a few years.

School boards are in urgent need of money; municipalities also need money. The provinces are hard put to find new sources of revenue. And, in the meantime, the central government takes over all the fields of taxation. The federal government grabs almost all the revenue in the country and then the funds are administered by a bureaucracy over which that same government has no control. And, in order to hide that inability, new boards, commissions and departments are set up. I feel that, under present conditions, we might as well grant the provinces what they want and give them back their whole taxation rights. Then they would solve themselves their own unemployment problem. But if the minister must set up a \$400 million fund through the Bank of Canada, then there is nothing more to fear for provincial autonomy. Because this government will then simply authorize the Bank of Canada to place the said amount at the disposal of municipalities. Each municipality will be absolutely free in its operations, since each one of them knows best the projects to be carried out in the area and is in the best position to determine who needs work.

Thus, this government agency, the Bank of Canada, for once will play its real part, which is to create the necessary credit to promote the development of municipalities and, by doing that, to give jobs to the unemployed.

I think that, in so doing, the minister will serve the purpose he has set for himself, while protecting at the same time the autonomy of one and all provinces.

(Text):

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering whether hon. members would object to going on for a very few minutes this evening so hon. members could see the bill and debate the bill itself. It would be a great convenience to the government if we could have the bill read the first time, particularly when the Minister of Finance has to be elsewhere tomorrow.

Mr. Pigeon: I call it ten o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

Progress reported.

Mr. Nowlan: Will the house leader tell the house what we will be doing tomorrow?

Mr. Pickersgill: I regret very much that we cannot go on with this particular measure we have been debating today because the Minister of Finance, for quite obvious reasons, has to be elsewhere tomorrow. That was one reason why I was very hopeful that this measure, which is calculated to provide employment, could have been advanced one stage today. However, the committee did not wish to do that and we are in the hands of the house.

Tomorrow we will hope to complete the resolution on the department of industry and get the bill read the first time. If we should get first reading of the bill tomorrow we will then go on with the second reading of that bill on Thursday up until five o'clock. After that, of course, we have the hour for private members and then the budget. I understand that hon. gentlemen opposite prefer not to begin the budget debate on Friday. For that reason we will go on with these other economic measures on Friday, but I think we will have to see what progress is made tomorrow and Thursday afternoon before I will be able to forecast with any accuracy what would be done on Friday.

Now, in the event that tomorrow we conclude promptly the resolution stage on the department of industry bill, we would begin the resolution stage on the department of agriculture measure.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I trust there is no misunderstanding about Friday. We have been told the budget will be brought down on Thursday night, and we are not going to have the budget debate on Friday. Usually the budget comes in on a Tuesday and about a week elapses between the time the budget is introduced and the debate ensues.

Mr. Gordon: What year are you talking about?

Mr. Pickersgill: Some years we did not have any.

Mr. Nowlan: That is all right; whether we had one or not, you are not going to have a budget debate on Friday and you cannot have one on Monday unless you get the unanimous consent of the house to that effect, because I have gone over the debates for the past seven years and no debate on a budget followed within two days of its introduction. I want it clearly understood that you are not going to have a budget debate on Friday.

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the hon. gentleman is exercising himself unnecessarily because I have already said we would not have it