

Northwest Territories Commissioner

be an earnest effort made, and of course there will be until six o'clock under the order made today.

It was also agreed that there might be some discussion before six o'clock about the position, with a view to some small extension of the time, if that would be generally agreeable and if it would have the effect that hon. members would hope it might have. But I want to emphasize that this is just a co-operative suggestion, and there is no firm agreement with respect to Fridays.

Mr. Churchill: Just with regard to the completing of the estimates of one department in one day, we had that last week. It was at my suggestion. My colleagues co-operated with me in that regard and several of them refrained from speaking, as I did myself. Unfortunately the government claimed it as something they had thought up, and that they were piloting estimates through in double quick time. It was simply a matter on which we offered our fullest co-operation.

We may attempt this again provided there is a good spirit within the house, provided a number of things happen, but we cannot guarantee that in one day another department will be passed. It is most unusual and has not been done in the past. I thought we might try it as an experiment, and to set a good example for our friends opposite for their next term when they are in opposition.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I just say a brief word. First of all may I say that we in this group did agree with everything the Secretary of State says all parties agreed to, and my reason for rising is that actually we agreed to a little more than he indicated. I am wondering what has happened to the possibility of these arrangements lasting for a little longer period. There may be a reason that the Secretary of State does not wish to say at this moment, but I also wonder what has happened to the agreement that something would be said as to a target date for the summer recess.

Mr. Pickersgill: I think I could go so far as to say that I believe it is the firm wish on both sides of the house that if reasonable progress can be made in the business in the month of July, most of us would profit from being somewhere else in the month of August. I do not think it would be proper, without consultation with my colleagues, to go beyond that, in view of the fact that while the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is quite right in saying his party was willing to go somewhat further than the agreement I stated, there were some reservations about some points elsewhere. I have stated what was the

agreement of all four parties and I felt I should not do anything but that, and I do not want to reflect on any party or group in the house.

While I am on my feet I might say that I think the record last week will show I gave the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre full credit for the suggestion that one department should be put through, and I will give him double credit again if he gets another one through next Friday.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER**

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform hon. members that the governor general in council has appointed Mr. B. G. Sivertz as commissioner of the Northwest Territories, replacing Mr. R. G. Robertson whose appointment as Clerk of the Privy Council and secretary of the cabinet was recently announced by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Sivertz's appointment will take effect at noon on Friday next, July 12. It will terminate March 31, 1964, if the legislation now before parliament to create the territories of Mackenzie and Nunassiatq receives the assent of the house. The new commissioner for Mackenzie Territory would thereafter reside in Fort Smith, prospective capital of the territory.

Mr. Robertson has been commissioner of the Northwest Territories for the past 10 years. The advances made in territorial legislation and government during that period reflect his leadership. I am sure that residents of the territories would wish me to express their appreciation for his outstanding service.

Mr. Sivertz has a great many years of experience in northern administration, and is currently the director of the northern administration branch of my department. I am sure that he will ably carry on the tradition of service to the people of the north established by previous commissioners.

FINANCE**TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING STOCK EXCHANGE TRADING PATTERNS**

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on June 19 I undertook to have inquiries made on the pattern of trading on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges during the preceding period. These inquiries have been made by the exchanges in question, and I now propose to table, for the information of hon. members, the exchange of correspondence on this subject between the