

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): However, I think the suggestion is an appropriate one and therefore, on behalf of my party, I can see that we consent.

The matter was originally raised by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) in another way, but there have now been consultations with respect to it and I think the course suggested is quite appropriate. It may be we should take a look at the standing order if there is any reasonable doubt about it so that no misunderstanding could arise in future. Not only because of the interpretation the hon. member has placed upon it but from strong personal feelings I think it is important that in this place particularly we should recognize events which are of major interest to all people in Canada, and one of those occasions is, of course, the feast day of Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) for making it clear I did not participate in drafting the British North America Act. I can tell him that in 1949 I did move certain amendments to section 91(1) which were accepted, so some of my language is in the British North America Act.

Mr. Lefebvre: How about Magna Carta?

An hon. Member: How about the Ten Commandments?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It sounds to me as though it is time for us to adjourn. I am glad the parliamen-

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tary secretary did not try to found the proposal to adjourn this afternoon on the wording of the standing order because I happen to think it is quite clear what is meant under that standing order. In any case, I think it is better we should decide to take the afternoon off by unanimous consent rather than under the terms of a standing order. Therefore, on behalf of my party I am in favour of this House adjourning now in recognition of the feast day of Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Co-operating with the goodwill of hon. members, I am pleased to recognize the unanimous consent for adjournment. However, it has been suggested to me that, from the point of view of procedure, it would be advisable to present a motion for adjournment of the House until Monday.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker), I move that this House adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday next.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This House therefore stands adjourned until 2 p.m. next Monday.

The House adjourned at 2:13 p.m.