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carry out a program likely to please both parties.

At the very beginning, about 15 years ago, when there was no possibility of getting along with the N.C.C., our municipalities could have tried at least to take a more practical approach to the matter, as distinct from an abstract and intellectual approach, so as not to leave it to the N.C.C. to plan all our territories.

I will be told, I know, that at the time, we could not do such a thing, that the matter was perhaps too ticklish to be discussed, because then the prime concern of the municipalities was this: the matter of money, of grants given to municipalities, and there were also some extremely important matters, such as that of expropriations. These often concerned regions where so-called shacks were bought at prices which their owners could never have received otherwise.

I think these factors were the reason why the municipalities never tried to stop the growing encroachment of the N.C.C. in the field of planning. I do not think much can be accomplished in practice with this committee, which would be another worthless one among the many committees of the N.C.C.

I remember a brief already submitted suggesting that such a committee should be established—I shall speak of it in a moment—but it was never approved, for even if it could have been set up, there were too many committees and some overlapping. The idea was therefore discarded. When a federal district comprising part of the territory of the province of Quebec and part of Ontario is planned, an agreement should perhaps be reached and the decision should be made by the federal government together with the provinces. It should be unanimous, and in my opinion the various representatives of the regional governments should meet to discuss the project with the N.C.C. This should not be a consultation but an intermunicipal and interprovincial committee which will make suggestions to the federal government so that the latter can, in a reasonable and sensible atmosphere free from partisanship, create a federal district in Canada, always according to the criteria which I mentioned in a speech I made in the house last month.

I do not see very well the role which the advisory committee would have to play, because I am convinced that certain areas on the Ontario side will never accept that the

Quebec side should receive its share of federal buildings, they will never accept that the development of the immense territory on the side of the national capital should serve to other purpose than driveways, roads and parks.

They will never accept that, since the people in Ontario can come to the Quebec side during the week-end to get some rest after their work.

In this federal district, a vast system of schools would also have to be built on the Ontario side as well as the Quebec side for the benefit of those who want to prepare for a career in the civil service.

Do you believe that we can achieve that with an advisory committee? I submit that we will run around in circles and that this advisory committee will never work, because if I can judge from the advisory committees which I have seen at work, despite meeting after meeting, nothing is ever achieved.

[English]

**An hon. Member:** Six o'clock.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** The hon. gentleman has talked it out.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hour for the consideration of private members' business has expired.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Rapp:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether on Monday next the house will deal with a supply motion?

**Mr. Nicholson:** So far as I know, there is no change in plan. There will be a supply motion Monday.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** What about Wednesday?

**Mr. Nicholson:** What is to happen on Wednesday we shall announce on Monday.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply this day:]

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

3. Construction of extension to research laboratory in Pointe Claire, Quebec, for use by the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, \$750,000.