

Transportation

Mr. Pickersgill: I hope, sir you will allow the hon. member for Lapointe to call it ten o'clock so that I can make the motion to carry out the undertaking I gave.

• (10:00 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, according to the standing orders, in view of the fact that you have recognized me, I think that I am entitled to speak before some one else can move a motion. Mr. Speaker, I should like to tell my hon. friends—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member can only speak if the house agrees to carry on beyond ten o'clock. I understand the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill) now wishes to make the motion agreed on previously today. In the circumstances, the hon. member for Lapointe may agree to call it ten o'clock which would enable the minister to move his motion.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. You now have before you a motion that the house will continue to sit beyond six o'clock. Now, under standing orders, you recognized me and gave me the floor even before you recognized the point of order of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pickersgill). That is why, before giving the floor to the Minister of Transport to move a motion, which he cannot do under a question of privilege or on a point of order, I believe that he will not be able to do so until he is properly recognized, that is when I have finished speaking. Mr. Speaker, I believe that such is the standing order.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The point made by the hon. member is obviously well taken and I am sure that not a single member will dispute his point at this moment. I simply wanted to remind the hon. member that there seemed to be a gentlemen's agreement arrived at earlier today.

Mr. Grégoire: Well, Mr. Speaker, if there has been a gentlemen's agreement—

[*English*]

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. If there was an agreement among gentleman that this house would adjourn at ten o'clock tonight, that agreement should be kept. Otherwise we cannot operate this institution effectively.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Pickersgill: I feel perfectly confident that the hon. member for Lapointe intends to do just that.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, it is precisely what I did not intend to do. I was not aware that such an arrangement had been made in this house. Now that I have been told, I am ready to co-operate with all the others, and that is why I would tell the member who called it ten o'clock—I believe it is the member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) or the member for Danforth (Mr. Scott)—that I am willing to call it ten o'clock. Now, I would ask him as a favour to grant me ten minutes, since he is the only one to have called it ten o'clock earlier. I would be grateful to him if he would grant me ten minutes to express my views. If he accepts, I think I can complete my remarks within ten minutes.

[*English*]

Mr. Churchill: Disgraceful. A shocking exhibition on the part of the government.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, I think that the understanding clearly entered into around six o'clock should be carried out. I think that the Minister of Transport, who was acting house leader at the time, should himself carry out that undertaking by moving that we adjourn.

Mr. Pickersgill: In so far as it is possible under the rules for me to do so, that is exactly what I desire to do. I think that the Deputy Speaker was in the chair at the time, but if I remember the words which were used I said that it would be understood that this would be an order of the house.

Mr. Knowles: That is what we thought.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is my recollection, and it seemed to me that was so understood at that time. I feel quite certain that the hon. member for Lapointe, who did not happen to be in the house at that particular moment, would not wish to interfere with that understanding, which was perhaps a little loosely entered into but was, according to my understanding, intended to be an order of the house. I feel sure that the hon. gentleman, having got the floor, will be recognized first tomorrow and his remarks will be equally welcome at that time.

Mr. Howard: Another case of mismanagement.