

Criminal Code

Mr. Knowles: That is satisfactory. What the minister said a moment ago left some doubt in our minds. What he now says is clear.

Mr. Garson: I think I should record the fact that the government which set up the inquiry in Great Britain was the Attlee government. Mr. Attlee made it very clear in the House of Commons that the commission did not have the power to recommend against capital punishment. But the committee will have that power in this reference. Not only will it have that power, but it will have the power to cover the point mentioned by the hon. member for Victoria-Carleton (Mr. Montgomery), namely the method of capital punishment. It is noteworthy in that connection that the British report was to the effect that if capital punishment was to be retained the present method of hanging was

the least unsatisfactory of all methods that might be employed, although they did suggest that lethal injections might be considered.

The other matter raised by the hon. member for Victoria-Carleton is covered by this wide reference. So I think upon these grounds, no matter what one's views may be either for or against capital punishment, there are very substantial reasons why it is wise to send the matter to the committee.

Mr. Fulton: What is the government's policy on lotteries?

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

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