

*Canadian Flag*

But it is not only Quebec that is changing. All of Canada has changed. Until the end of the second world war political realities in Canada were based on an Anglo-Saxon majority and a French minority. True, the majority were probably careless of the feelings of the minority and tended rather to ignore them. But in our anxiety to right the wrongs we do not, I think, as the hon. member for Northumberland (Miss Jewett) and some other members opposite have suggested, have to apologize for being Canadians of Anglo-Saxon origin.

Anglo-Saxon Canadians have their own adjustments to make. No longer are Anglo-Saxons the prideful majority in Canada. With the influx of post-war immigration it is not now a case of the English majority and the French minority but an Anglo-Saxon minority, a French minority and a new Canadian minority. This is a great, and only now recognized, emotional shock to those of us who are Anglo-Saxon either by birth or heritage and we as well as our French compatriots need understanding and patience. For that reason I think those who are impatient must listen a little longer to this emotion charged discussion of the adoption of national symbols.

Getting a new flag is not like changing traffic signs. It has to be a symbol of unity and it must have the emotional support of a very substantial majority of our people. It must have meaning for them. Unless it has, it would be better to have no flag or no national symbols at all. A flag such as the one now proposed, with its lack of aesthetic appeal and having regard to the blatantly political auspices under which it has been introduced, will be absolutely repugnant to a very large part of the Canadian population, and will be so for at least a generation and possibly longer. I think the Prime Minister is sincere, and I say that honestly, but I think he is misguided. But if he is sincere surely we can get a better solution than the one that has been presented to us now.

A flag and a national anthem, as I have said, are matters not so much of reason and logic but of emotion. Many people passionately believe that Canada must have a distinctive flag bearing no indication of either British or French heritage. Many people just as passionately believe that the union jack must form a part of any official flag. Smaller groups have equally strong views as to other designs and conditions acceptable to them.

[Mr. Smith.]

Mr. Speaker, I notice it is five o'clock.

**THE ROYAL ASSENT**

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, 13th August, 1964

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Wilfred Judson, a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, acting as deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 13th August, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving the royal assent to a certain bill.

I have the honour to be,  
sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Cherrier,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock, the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills, notices of motions (papers), public bills.

**Mr. Churchill:** Before we proceed, Mr. Speaker, may I on a point of order draw the attention of the government house leader to the fact that this is the third time in succession, I think, that private members' hours have been interfered with in order to attend in the other chamber. I think it would be fairer to the private members of this house if those occasions occurred during government time and not private members' time.

**PRIVATE BILLS****SECOND READING**

Bill No. S-38, to incorporate Congregation of the Marist Sisters—Mr. Dubé.

**BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA**

The house resumed from Thursday, July 30, consideration in committee of Bill No. S-27, respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Brown—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1—*Number of directors.*

**Mr. Brown:** Mr. Chairman, I thought perhaps I should say a word or two in answer to some questions asked by the hon. member for Timiskaming. In the debate on this subject two weeks ago I stated that I was sorry the hon. member was not present when this bill came before the committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, to which it was