

The maple leaf, honoured in song and history, is just such a symbol as can lift men's hearts above the humdrum and mundane.

Surely we have had enough of other people's flags, emblems and anthems. Will we ever live to see the day when Canada will not look carefully to London or Washington, or both, before committing herself to any course of action? It took us some 90 years or more to institute our final Court of Appeal. We are now ending our 97th year as a nation, and we have still not repatriated our Constitution. Surely it should not take any more time to decide on a national flag. In the eyes of the world we have grown up, and it is time we began to act it.

In closing, may I commend to honourable senators this maple leaf flag, which is before us, in its simplicity, its freedom from old associations and its appeal to national unity. I stand convinced that it augurs well for Canada's future.

Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan: Honourable senators, seven years ago I had the privilege of making my first speech in the Senate. On that particular occasion I was followed by the honourable senator who just concluded his speech (Hon. Mr. Croll). He differed from me vigorously at that time, but I do not know that I shall differ from him as vigorously today. The subject under discussion at that time was state medicine, a subject which I am sure is going to arise in the future. When it does arise on the next occasion, I sincerely trust that he will be following me.

I consider it my duty to participate in this debate. That this is an emotional issue, goes without saying. I regret that the honourable Senator Cameron is not in his seat this afternoon. He stated that he would like the Canadian people to be a little more emotional. Well, could you witness any more emotion than you saw yesterday, in the speeches of the honourable Senator Grattan O'Leary, the honourable Senator Pouliot, and in the speech today of the honourable Senator Croll, who has preceded me?

There are two definitions of an emotion, the first being an excitement of the mind, and the second, a medical definition, an uncontrolled tendency to troubled feelings. I am quite sure we do not want the latter type of emotion in Canada. To be a good athlete, you have got to be emotional. To be a good surgeon, or a good lawyer, you have got to be emotional. Whether to be a good university professor you have to be emotional, I do not know.

I have three Christian names, Joseph Taylor Albert. I was given the last name in honour of the Prince Consort, Queen Victoria's husband, by my parents. They also taught

me to "fear God and honour the King." In my home, from the time I was an infant and until the present day, there has been a statue of Queen Victoria, and following her, King Edward VII.

Senator O'Leary (Carleton) took the words out of the brief remarks which I am making today, when he expressed how we of Irish blood can plead our cause—as he did, in such a reasoned and sincere manner.

I have been a teacher, a professor, and a marker of papers, for over 25 years, and I also know students fairly well. I give Senator O'Leary full marks, not only for his eloquence, but his unsurpassed literary expression and logic, so vividly demonstrated in his memorable speech in this house yesterday.

If there are two institutions in the world today which demand one's respect and loyalty, they are the Monarchy, under which we are fortunate to serve and live, and, secondly, with all humility, the great Church to which I belong. Those two institutions believe in the dignity of man, in the loyalties, and in a Christian family way of life.

A nation which denies its past has no future. I say to the Prime Minister of this country, let the people speak on this matter and settle it once and for all. Take the question out of politics and put it into the realm of the heart and soul of Canada, where it belongs. When the people of Canada themselves have spoken, I for one will be willing to abide by that decision.

Make no mistake about it, there are extremely important principles involved in this question. It is not merely a matter of whose piece of bunting has the most eye appeal. The flag question is symbolic of several more vastly important ones to this country. Among them is this: Has this flag question become a divisive action for a party in the other place to stand against a proposal which a government advances when that proposal does not represent the views of millions of Canadians? Shall we, in common with the eagerly emerging nations, turn in some strange shame from our great heritage and past, or shall we use them as a proud and solid foundation upon which to build our future?

To my Catholic French-speaking colleagues of Quebec, let me say this: In my student days one of the greatest friends I ever had was the late Dave Trotter, a student of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and a member of the great University of Toronto Olympic Hockey Team of 1928. I was proud of his friendship and he was proud of mine. I can count among my French-Canadian friends some of my closest associations throughout life.

The Queen is the symbol of our free association with the Commonwealth—God forbid