

the Thompson sub-machine gun. Within days of our organization and others requesting the Minister of Justice to take action to control these weapons, he was able to do so.

With reference to the prohibition of fully automatic firearms, the present restricted category has proven most effective. In over 40 years there has not been one incident involving any fully automatic firearm legally held by private citizens.

Regarding the so-called "Saturday night specials", we submit that this particular firearm (which no one has really defined as yet) poses no more danger than any other handgun and is adequately controlled under those sections of the act dealing with "restricted weapons." We remind Committee members that there are some basic differences in the attitude of the citizens of this country and those of the United States with regard to law and order and the use of firearms. We ask the members to keep this difference in mind when comparing the relative problems of the two countries.

RESTRICTED WEAPON.

- Delete the proposals outlined in Bill C-83 in their entirety and retain the definition presently contained in the Criminal Code of Canada, with the exception that paragraph (d) be amended to read:

(d) "a weapon of any kind, not being a prohibited weapon or a shotgun or rifle of a kind commonly used in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes, that is declared by order of the Governor in Council to be a restricted weapon."

(e) "any firearm manufactured prior to 1896 or that uses loose