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perform the functions of a legal liaison office among Commonwealth governments. The discussions were notable in demonstrating the community of feeling and purpose that exists within the Commonwealth.

Subsequent to the conference I met with the Home Secretary and other officials in the office of the Home Secretary for the purpose of discussing matters relating to penitentiaries, the correctional system and senior police training.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to welcome the Solicitor General back to the house. He is one who has always been close to the law, and as a bencher of Grey's Inn I want to say that what I hear from the United Kingdom is that the Solicitor General performed his duties in a way that brought honour to our country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: There is one matter to which I should like to make reference. The Solicitor General did not allude to it during the course of his report. I refer to the question of the establishment of a Commonwealth court of appeal. This concept has received support from time to time among various Commonwealth countries.

However, having had some experience in this regard my own feeling—and I think it represents generally the attitude of the bench and bar within our country—is that the establishment of a Commonwealth court of appeal would not be in keeping with the relationship of the Commonwealth countries one to the other and would not be generally accepted.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to detain the house for more than a moment except to say that we are very glad to also welcome the Solicitor General back. We hope he has not exercised his vocal cords too much and that he will quickly recover the full use of his voice.

I just add this comment, that we believe this sort of conference indicates the value of a multiracial commonwealth; because it enables the Commonwealth, which is united by a respect for the law, through representatives of the law in various Commonwealth countries to receive the benefit of an exchange of opinions. I noticed, for example, that there was discussion of a Commonwealth court of appeal. It may well be that in this country we do not need any such court of appeal, having our own Supreme Court of Canada.

[Mr. Pennell.]

However, this sort of discussion and this type of institution may be useful in other parts of the Commonwealth, and we welcome the statement.

(Translation)

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, we are pleased that the Solicitor General is back in Canada. We trust his vast experience will have helped to enlighten the representatives of other countries who attended this recent meeting.

(English)

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I join in welcoming the Solicitor General back to our midst. We know he did a good job, and we might say that we missed him while he was away from us.

In supporting the remarks which have already been made, Mr. Speaker, I would just add that the evidence which has been placed before us today of the progress made at this meeting further substantiates the position within the Commonwealth of the two great heritages that we have, that is British parliamentary government and British justice. We trust, Mr. Speaker, that this conference may help in the preservation and extension of these two basic factors of our way of life to all parts of the Commonwealth.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

WORDING ON WOLFE'S MONUMENT, QUEBEC

Question No. 1,014—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. What was the wording on Wolfe's monument in Quebec city which was destroyed by separatist elements?

2. What is the wording on the new monument?

3. If there is any change in the wording (a) who authorized the change (b) what was the reason for the change?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): I am informed by the National Battlefields Commission that the answers to the question are as follows:

1. Three plaques in English only which stated the following:

(a) North Side

Here Died Wolfe
Victorious
September 13th
1759