

Canadian Commonwealth Flag

to the crown, I say this: You will be voting for a second flag which is not ours, a flag which belongs to England. I also tell them that I am anxious to know their names, because in the province of Quebec they are not looked upon as patriots but as flag-wavers who, unfortunately, say a lot and do not have any principles when it is time to vote.

Mr. Speaker, we respect the union jack and what it stands for. We have already said so in this house; but the union jack is not our flag. Why a second resolution, if they were so keen on a distinctive flag? It is a two-faced "gimmick", and I think the Liberal government, under the circumstances, tried to please everyone.

The government should have remembered the words of the famous French fabulist who said it was impossible to please everyone and one's father. In these circumstances an attempt was made to satisfy not only everyone and one's father, but also one's mother-in-law.

That is why I say the Liberals, under the circumstances, not only did not please everyone, but they displeased everyone, for they failed to assume their responsibilities with regard to the problem at hand, namely that of adopting only one distinctive flag.

Under such circumstances, perhaps we will not be in a better situation in six months than we were before losing so much time in adopting a flag, because what we are doing tonight will probably be a cause for disunion, disagreement and even quarrels throughout Canada, because it is not known which of the two flags will be the official emblem.

Which of the two flags will we fly on certain occasions? We are told that that will be left to everybody's discretion.

I suggest that when you leave such an important matter to the discretion of everyone and anyone, that is likely to create dissension in Canada, and the Liberal party will bear the entire responsibility for it, for I am not ready to accept the union jack as the flag to fly in Canada's ten provinces.

[Text]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the house ready for the question? Mr. Marcoux moved that the question be now put.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcoux: Mr. Speaker, with the unanimous consent of the house, and seeing I have been assured no amendment will be intro-

[Mr. Rondeau.]

duced later, I am willing to withdraw my motion.

[Text]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the hon. member the unanimous consent of the house to withdraw his motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, as we had no intention of moving an amendment, we accept the withdrawal just made by the hon. member for Quebec-Montmorency.

[Text]

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Batten) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Addison	Drury
Alkenbrack	Dubé
Armstrong	Dupuis
Asselin (Notre Dame de Grâce)	Emard
Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe)	Enns
Badanai	Ethier
Barnett	Eudes
Basford	Fairweather
Batten	Fane
Béchar	Favreau
Bell	Fisher
Benidickson	Flemming (Victoria-Carleton)
Benson	Forbes
Bigg	Forest
Blouin	Francis
Boulanger	Gelber
Brewin	Gendron
Brown	Godin
Byrne	Gordon
Cadieu (Meadow Lake)	Granger
Cadieux (Terrebonne)	Gray
Cameron (High Park)	Greene
Cantin	Groos
Cardin	Guay
Carter	Gundlock
Cashin	Hahn
Chapdelaine	Haidasz
Chatterton	Hales
Chrétien	Harley
Churchill	Hays
Clancy	Herridge
Coates	Honey
Côté (Longueuil)	Horner (The Battlefords)
Cowan	Howe (Hamilton-South)
Crossman	Jewett, Miss
Crouse	Kennedy
Cyr	Kindt
Danforth	Klein
Davis	Knowles
Deachman	Konantz, Mrs.
Deschatelets	Lachance
Dinsdale	LaMarsh, Miss
Doucett	Lamontagne
Douglas	Lamoureux
Drouin	Laniel