

Canadian Flag

We have thought deeply about the flag issue, and believe it necessary to write this open letter to you as an expression of our common feelings. May we emphasize that we do not speak as political partisans, but only as concerned Canadians representing several parties.

We applaud your decision to seek a distinctive national flag for Canada, and recognize your courage in doing so. We believe, as you do, that the flag should be a source of national unity, and that it should be unmistakably Canadian in character. However, we protest that the single leaf flag is neither of these things. Its only advan-

tage is that it is innocuous, that it produces tepid approval, mild disapproval, or indifference, and that it can therefore be adopted without any display or strong feeling whatever.

Mr. Grégoire: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order; I regret that I have to interrupt the hon. member, since it is now ten o'clock.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
