

*Motions for Papers*

If these models and designs were produced as the result of the passage of this particular motion, they would undoubtedly become the property of this house, and would be in the unchallengeable possession of this house. In what position, then, would the Secretary of State be? The Secretary of State has been requested by many of the authors, who have been thoughtful enough to create these designs and models and transmit them to him, to return those designs and models; but if this motion passes the Secretary of State will not have those designs and models under his control—they will have passed into the control of this house. Obviously, sir, this would contravene the request of the authors who own the designs and models. This is the procedural difficulty against the production of the originals in this house.

Realizing the keen, intense interest of the hon. member for Battle River-Camrose (Mr. Smallwood) in seeing these designs and models, I have a suggestion. I suggest to him through you, Mr. Speaker, that the Secretary of State will be very pleased to display these models and designs to him in any number that he wishes to see. I expect he will wish to make a fairly close analysis of the nature of these designs and models. When this question of a new flag was before the house in 1945-46 some 2,695 models and designs were then considered. Since 1946 and up to May 15, 1964, 3,013 models and designs have come in. I ought to say that others have come in since the middle of May. There have been, since the middle of May, many displaying three maple leaves in various artistic arrangements. I think the hon. member for Battle River-Camrose, if he examined these 3,013 models and designs, would report that of these 359 bear the design of the fleur-de-lis, 408 bear in some point a union jack, and 389 display a beaver. There are some displaying various coats of arms, and 2,136 display a maple leaf design.

**Mr. Winkler:** Single, double or triple?

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. member a question?

**Mr. Stewart:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Churchill:** Has the hon. member himself examined these designs, to give us the information that 2,136 display the maple leaf, or from where did he get that information? Also, is it the maple leaf only that is on these designs?

[Mr. Stewart.]

**Mr. Stewart:** I cannot say, Mr. Speaker, that I myself tabulated the number of flags displaying the maple leaf design.

**Mr. Churchill:** Would the hon. member permit a supplementary question?

**Mr. Stewart:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Churchill:** Is the hon. member aware that the committee, which met in 1945 and 1946 and examined the 2,695 flags that he mentioned, reported that over 50 per cent of them had the union jack displayed on the flag in some place or other?

**Mr. Stewart:** I was not aware of that fact, Mr. Speaker. Obviously there has been a considerable change of opinion in certain sections of the country. I have one further point to make, and that is that anyone who accepts the invitation, which is cordially offered, to inspect this large number of excellent designs will be deeply impressed by the keen interest of many of our loyal Canadians in this matter of a new and distinctive Canadian flag. I am sure that even the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) would realize the keen interest of these people in this important matter, and would wish to joint all hon. members in applauding the zeal with which these good citizens have devoted their time and energies to this most important subject.

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to take up a few minutes of the time of the house in contributing to this debate and supporting the request as contained in the notice of motion for the production of papers. You will note, Mr. Speaker, as will all hon. members, that the motion calls for an order of the house for the production of all flag designs or models. I believe that my colleague did not have in mind the reproduction of any of these symbols, but rather the originals. The hon. member for Antigonish-Guysborough (Mr. Stewart) suggested that it was an extremely costly procedure, involving some \$45,870. I suggest to him through you, sir, that the government did not hesitate to spend \$35,000 in pushing aside a film made by the C.B.C. about the Prime Minister, and therefore surely this small, additional sum of money for the information of the entire country could be spent, if need be. However, that is not the case. The hon. member, I know, asked for the production of the originals, and therefore I think this is what we must demand from the government at this time.