

*Criminal Code*

within it articles and items which might be mentioned here tonight. I think we should encourage our Canadian press, our Canadian writers and our Canadian artists to build a healthy Canadianism. We are cutting ourselves off from the privy council by passing the Supreme Court Act. We could do much more for Canada by establishing a Canadian literature. We must encourage Canadian talent to take such a part in the publication of our papers that it will not be necessary to depend upon writers and artists and syndicates from other lands.

**Mr. Adamson:** Before you put the question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister what his motion is? I am all in favour of the question being put, but I want to know what it is.

**Mr. Garson:** I merely suggested that we leave the bill in its present form. I did not move an amendment to it. My suggestion was that we give second reading to Bill No. 10 and then leave it in committee of the whole so that we can follow along from there.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker,—

**Mr. Speaker:** I must inform the house that if the hon. member speaks now he will close the debate.

**Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Since it is very close to nine o'clock I hope the house will pardon me if I do not express as fully as I should like to my appreciation of the support which the bill has received and the generosity and courtesy which all members have shown to the idea in their discussion of the proposal. I should like to spend more time in expressing that appreciation, but I am sure hon. members will understand the reason if I cut my remarks short.

For myself I should like to say that the proposal made by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Garson) is one which I appreciate, and which I think should be accepted without reservation. I understood him to say that for his part he is willing to have the bill given second reading, which means approval of the principle behind the proposal, and then while it is committed to committee of the whole to obtain the opinions of the provincial law enforcement officers, with the assurance, as I understand it, that the bill will be reported out of committee, and some legislation will be enacted before the end of the present session. If I am correct in my understanding, that proposal is perfectly acceptable to me.

As for the points put forward by the minister, I feel it would be more appropriate to deal with them in committee in the discussion which the committee stage is designed to afford. I wish to conclude at this time merely

by thanking the minister for the consideration which he has given the matter, and for the proposal which he has made. I should like also to express on my own behalf, and I am sure on behalf of all members of the house who are interested in this matter, our appreciation to the various organizations throughout the country which have done so great a service in arousing the people of the nation to an awareness of the problem. Some of them have been mentioned before, and I have a partial list here. I should like to refer to the federated women's institutes of Canada, the federation of home and school associations, the Ontario teachers federation, parent-teacher federations across the country, and one of the latest organizations to express its view, the national council of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. To those organizations, as well as to those which I have not had time to mention, I wish to express on my own behalf, and I am sure on behalf of all hon. members, our appreciation of the work they have done.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Dion in the chair.

On section 1—*Portrayal of crimes by pictures in magazines, etc., tending to induce violence.*

**Mr. Abbott:** Stand.

**Mr. Fulton:** I take it to be the minister's desire that it should stand at this stage?

**Mr. Garson:** Yes.

**Mr. Fulton:** If so, I will ask you, Mr. Chairman, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Section stands.

Progress reported.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being nine o'clock, and the hour reserved for private and public bills having expired, the house will resume the business which was interrupted at six o'clock.

**SUPPLY**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Dion in the chair.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Soldier Settlement and Veterans Land Act—

545. To provide for the cost of administration of Veterans Land Act; soldier settlement and British family settlement, \$4,447,443.

**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Chairman, two weeks ago tonight, when we started my estimates, hon. members gave expression to thoughts covering a wide field on the first item. Perhaps I might take advantage in like manner of item