

person. He really made his point with me when he said he is dealing with a standardized approach. He wants to make Nova Scotia, like Moose Jaw, a name that we know from coast to coast, the same name in every language. I think it is a great idea and I cannot stress enough how much I support it. It is an idea that follows a trend. It stresses the bilingual aspect of our country by picking out a third and quite acceptable compromise.

We have seen this with things like Air Canada and a lot of other official government names. We are now seeing it creeping slowly and surely into our use of place names. The proposal is logical and practical. I think it recognizes tradition, it recognizes the great history of that province as the first colony of Great Britain to possess a royal charter and a flag of its own. As he said, it harks back to the days of King James I when the only language of the educated was Latin.

However, the hon. member belongs to a party which has taught us that agreement and high-minded principle are not enough in this House. Being a new member here, I would like to apply one or two of the tests I have been learning over the past few weeks to this particular bill. I have listened to the constitutional debate and I have learned that the end does not justify the means. I hope the hon. member can apply some rigorous tests to his idea. I wonder, for example, what the other provinces say about this. Has the hon. member discussed this with the current Premier of Nova Scotia, let alone, for example, the premier of my province, Mr. Davis, who has been known to take an independent stand on some things. After all, Mr. Davis in my province will have to change all the maps of some areas, and little children will have to learn all kinds of new things. No longer will the people of Sudbury be saying Nouvelle-Écosse; they will be saying Nova Scotia. Do we have the Premier's consent to make that change? I really wonder whether we can proceed to steamroller this idea over those premiers. Perhaps if they do not agree, we could opt in and opt out. Perhaps in Sudbury it will still be Nouvelle-Écosse, whereas on Vancouver Island, Nova Scotia will ring loud and clear. What does popular opinion say? Have we had a Gallup, have we had a Goldfarb, have we had an election on this? Did the hon. member campaign on this the last time around? Does he have a clear and ringing mandate to bring this to this House, or he is trying to push through his own ideas? Principles are not enough; we need to have popular consent. Does the hon. member want to call an election on it? Would he like us to discuss this with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau)? Perhaps we should be discussing trilingualism from coast to coast; not unilingualism, or bilingualism, but the idea that Canada needs to remember her great Latin roots. Maybe we should just have a special referendum, although I know that idea, as I heard today, is particularly odious in some corners.

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As a Liberal, one can see I am cautious. I do not want to shove Latin down the throats of every Canadian. I do not want to add to a bureaucracy where we would have to change the maps and spend thousands of dollars just to bring this idea into line.

### *Designation of Nova Scotia*

Perhaps the hon. member can tell me: Does Parliament have the right to decide? Should we take it to the people? Should we take it to the premiers? Are we acting out of line here? Perhaps we have here from Annapolis Valley-Hants a red Tory, a man who wants to take us back.

I am happy to support this bill. I think it is a great idea. I think it reflects the respect for education, the high standards and traditions which prevail in Nova Scotia. I would like to say quite seriously that I personally believe that Nova Scotia is becoming tomorrow's country. The change of attitude which has existed in that province for the last ten years has been remarkable. Today, Nova Scotians are high-minded and optimistic about their future, but I am sure they, as all Canadians, have a respect for Parliament.

I will cut my speech short, just so that I do not waste time and filibuster on this important idea. Having expressed my reservations, I hope that the due process will now take place.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** That is a tough act to follow.

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, yes, it is a very difficult act to follow. After all, it is not simple to argue against what seems at first to make sense. It is a Latin name. The hon. member proposes that we should effectively make "Nova Scotia" the name of that province in both official languages. But I would argue that it would start a whole series of changes in names which go back many hundreds of years.

[*Translation*]

It introduces in the French Canadian language what is known as "Franglais"; in my opinion, a great many people in Canada who already find it difficult to cope with two languages would find this unacceptable; we must oppose this idea of mixing French and English, which would destroy both languages and we would end up with "Franglais". This suggestion would establish a precedent which a great many Canadians would find unacceptable.

[*English*]

I noticed with interest that the hon. member mentioned Three Rivers and Trois-Rivières in his speech. Personally I have always thought that we live in a bilingual country. As an English Canadian, when I am speaking English I refer to Three Rivers, whereas French Canadians refer to it as Trois-Rivières. That is the spirit of bilingualism, as I understand it as a reasonably bilingual Canadian of English background. I do not see anything wrong with it.

It is rather difficult to expect unilingual Canadians to switch back and forth. These problems do not really arise very much with bilingual Canadians; they come up more with unilingual Canadians. It is difficult to ask them to switch suddenly to an unfamiliar pronunciation. In the case of Nova Scotia, the precedent dates back approximately 300 years. The hon. member talked about Nova Scotia getting its charter in 1621. I do not think the reason it was written in Latin at that time