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assured that representations have been made to me in this regard by members of the house, members of the press gallery and visitors to this house. I would be very pleased if a system could be found which would give satisfaction. I think it is my duty, though, to call the attention of the hon. leader of the opposition to the fact that one of the difficulties in adopting the method used in the French house or the Italian house or even in the congress of the United States is the fact that in most of these places the members speak from a rostrum. This means only one microphone need be connected to the loud speaker.

Here, the problem is quite different, but the hon. members may be assured that they have all my sympathy. The Speaker experiences considerable difficulty in hearing what is going on in the house. I will do everything possible to give you satisfaction, though I consider it my duty not to recommend an expensive installation which would not give satisfaction. You may depend upon it, however, that I will do my very best, in consultation with the proper officials, to make a recommendation satisfactory to all hon. members as soon as possible.

Mr. Drew: Perhaps you will permit me to say a word in view of the fact that you have referred to what I have said. In the French and Italian chambers the ministers speak from the rostrum, but the members speak from their seats. I believe that system would work here.

SUPREME COURT ACT**VARIOUS AMENDMENTS—ABOLITION OF APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL**

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Supreme Court Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Garson: This bill comprises a number of amendments the purpose of which is to clarify existing sections in the act; they involve no change in principle. There is, however, one notable change, and that is the proposal to abolish appeals from the Supreme Court of Canada to the privy council.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CRIMINAL CODE**CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT—ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING OVERTHROW OF CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY**

Mr. Wilfrid LaCroix (Quebec-Montmorency) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, to amend the Criminal Code (illegal organizations) and the Canadian Citizenship Act (loss of Canadian citizenship).

[Mr. Speaker.]

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. LaCroix: Mr. Speaker, in explanation may I say that a new item has been added to this bill, which is well known to the hon. members of this house. Article 98A of the Criminal Code has been amended as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person:

(a) to attempt in any manner to establish in Canada a totalitarian dictatorship the direction and control of which is to be vested in, or exercised by or under the domination or control of, any foreign government, foreign organization, or foreign individual;

(b) to perform or attempt to perform any act with intent to facilitate or aid in bringing about the establishment in Canada of such a totalitarian dictatorship;

(c) actively to participate in the management, direction, or supervision of any movement to establish in Canada such a totalitarian dictatorship;

(d) actively to participate in the management, direction, or supervision of any movement to facilitate or aid in bringing about the establishment in Canada of such a totalitarian dictatorship;

(e) to conspire to do anything unlawful by this subsection.

I want to add one remark, Mr. Speaker, and it is this. If the C.C.F., as I hope, is in no way connected with communism—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. LaCroix:—the members of that party will surely not make lengthy speeches on this bill, as they did last year, but will allow it to reach a vote.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL FLAG**PROVISION FOR FLAG TO BE DECLARED THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA**

Mr. Roland Beaudry (St. James) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, respecting a national flag for Canada.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Beaudry: The purpose of the bill is to provide for a national flag for Canada. The description of the flag is appended in a schedule to the bill. I hope that within a few days I shall have the privilege of distributing to the members of this house a facsimile of this flag.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

NEWFOUNDLAND**APPROVAL OF TERMS OF UNION WITH CANADA**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a bill for the approval by parliament of the terms of union of Newfoundland with Canada. The implementation