

*Criminal Code*

There is no possible misunderstanding: it means asking to entrust to the government the control over credit and over money.

How is it then that the present Liberal government would disagree and refuse to acknowledge what the former prime minister said.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I wonder if I should interrupt the hon. member but may I remind him that we have now under consideration an amendment on the question of lotteries? I wonder whether this question, which to me seems rather limited, would allow the hon. member to criticize the monetary system of Canada.

I daresay he is going far beyond the limits of the motion we are now considering.

**Mr. Latulippe:** Mr. Speaker, it may be true that I am going beyond the limits of the motion under consideration but on the other hand this motion is surely related to our economic system.

If we have reached the point where we have to establish such lotteries, it is precisely because our economy is topsy-turvy, is day by day more unbalanced, and leads us to request the setting-up of lotteries to enable us to manage our business.

Lotteries are growing into a necessary financial means. I should point out at what the great men of that time, following the Liberal leader, have demonstrated to the government, to the people of Canada, and to the whole world and that is the necessity for reforms. He specifically pointed at them but no one, I believe, in his government ever understood him.

Today, we are claiming the same thing, and we are scorned by the Liberals.

Everything that is good remains good. We want to build our society, not destroy it. But the citizens do not have the required purchasing power to spend on "barbottes" and we are sure that the people who will gamble will have to find the money somewhere. Social welfare will have to step in to provide for the needs of families at the expense of the taxpayers who earn an honest living.

Mr. Speaker, we must point out the problems and what remedial measures should be taken to correct that degrading, disappointing and economically unhealthy situation.

We are not opposed to the present system, and we would not do away with it, for it is the best system in the world. But we do object to the abuses of the capitalistic system.

And if we, elected by the people, do not assume our responsibilities with a view to correcting the awful abuses which corrupt this fundamentally good system, then we are responsible for them.

I could quote you Winston Churchill, who said that the monetary system—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Before the hon. member starts reading those quotations to the house, I should like to remind him, as I mentioned a moment ago, that the house is now dealing with an amendment on lotteries; the hon. member should limit his observations to that matter without discussing, for the benefit of the house and hon. members, the far more general topic of the Canadian monetary system.

**Mr. Latulippe:** Mr. Speaker, I thank you for calling me back to order. I may not be completely in order, but there were others who were not strictly in order. Mr. Speaker, you have more sympathy for some people than for others, but I shall comply with your decision.

I would like to know why they want to legalize lotteries, at the federal and the provincial level. Why are we discussing this ambiguous measure? It is supposed to settle the financial problems of the provinces, of the federal government and of the municipalities, burdened with unredeemable debts, which carry tremendous rates of interest. Lotteries are not a healthy proposition, for they cannot settle any problem.

The city of Montreal has not settled its problems, though it has a lottery. As a matter of fact, the federal government had to intervene and it will have to do so for a long time, for that city cannot repay its debts. Moreover, all municipalities are in the same position.

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On the matter of lotteries, we intend to support the amendment, but we will vote against the bill, because it contains several immoral clauses and it has not been divided. The government has refused to divide this bill as asked by the opposition so that we could approve certain things which we find unnecessary, but that we call urgent, because they could be of assistance to a number of institutions in Canada. We would be in favour of lotteries but as there has been unwillingness to divide this bill and to comply with the will of the people and of the opposition, we will vote against this bill and therefore against lotteries.