

Criminal Code

such perversions and he killed them. He murdered them to satisfy his lust. Such things occur too often, Mr. Speaker. Such sexual perverts are not satisfied with meeting other perverts; too often they try by every astute means available to pervert boys and sometimes, they kill or pervert. By legalizing homosexuality, such sexual perverts are given full liberty.

And the article goes on:

Granted, the sick in that category are not all criminals, even if a great number of them should be behind bars because of the scandal they cause; but instead of trying to legalize an abnormal situation, we should adopt legal measures to reduce the number of those sick people through appropriate treatment.

Mr. Speaker, I think that instead of legalizing an existing situation, the duty of the government should be to protect those individuals by treating their sickness like that of any other sick person.

In Canada, we have managed to control tuberculosis. With the appropriate means, we can control homosexuality, since we recognize and admit that it is a sickness.

The formation of citizens worthy of the name raises enough problems as it is, without adding a new one which will contribute to ruin lives for ever.

Surely our sex-oriented movies do enough damage as it is.

Saint Paul's warning in his Epistle to the Romans should make all Christians stop and think; speaking of the pagan's moral conception as regards the creation, Saint Paul writes:

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

It is high time we tried to give a new value to the role of man, as well as of woman, rather than adopt "legal" measures that tend to degrade it. It would be much more beneficial to educate men so as to make them more manly, and women to make them more feminine; they would be the first to benefit from it and society would be much more healthy. Otherwise, we are going straight towards revolution, if not decay.

Mr. Speaker, this article I wanted to put on record deserves all our attention, because it explains clearly what the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) and the government want to do by proposing to legalize homosexuality.

Mr. Speaker, there is another point I want to make concerning subclause 1 of clause 7, to

be added to section 149A of the Criminal Code, where it says:

—between any two persons, each of whom is twenty-one years or more of age,

Well, Mr. Speaker, I want to point out to the house that if this amendment is accepted as proposed by the government, there will be many difficulties in applying this act, namely in trying to determine the age of persons of about 21.

I am not too familiar with liquor laws in other provinces, but in Quebec people under 21 are not allowed in beverage rooms. We can imagine, Mr. Speaker how difficult it is to apply in the province of Quebec, any law where age is involved in view of the fact that young people have no identification cards. The same problem would be created by this amendment to the Criminal Code, namely to determine the age of young people involved.

Now, why should it be normal or moral for young people of 21 or more to commit such acts whereas those very acts would be immoral for those of 18, 19 or 20, who would not be allowed to commit them? The latter would be entitled to wonder about it. And the younger who are sexually ill or perverted would resort to all sorts of tricks to take advantage of the provisions of the act.

I remember a young boy who had been admonished rather brutally by his father for swearing. Then the child asked his father: When shall I be old enough to have a right to swear like you dad?

The young people might be prompted to ask themselves the same question concerning homosexuality and they might think: when we are 21 we shall be able to do what our elders have now a right to do.

I feel therefore, Mr. Speaker, that the house should reject clause 7 of Bill C-150, even if the sexual problem in Canada must be fully looked into.

[English]

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a very short argument in reply to my friend, the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams). Certainly, I am no expert in the interpretation of the law as is my friend, the hon. member for Calgary North. However, I think I can argue this without reference to legal terms, strictly on the basis of the English language.