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psychiatric case, as a sociological or a psychological evil? Is there any way of rehabilitating him, if he is truly ill? However, Mr. Speaker, we do not have in hand all the data that would enable us to assess this problem fully.

A few years ago, a group of world specialists met at Geneva, including criminologists, sociologists, psychiatrists, physiologists, pathologists, who looked into this matter for five days.

It was concluded, at the end of the five-day meeting, that the information and statistical data available was not sufficient to permit a classification of the various aspects of the problem of homosexuality.

As far as we are concerned, here in Canada, we think we are smarter than they are. We would like to rush through a legislation as yet unwarranted by our ways and customs.

I am much too confident in the future of our country to believe it is necessary today to legalize this evil.

Mr. Speaker, there are many categories of homosexuals and the minister had the opportunity to learn about them at the committee meetings. As far as I am concerned, I read many books on the subject. First of all, there are the perverted who very often become sexual criminals and are very dangerous in our society.

There are male homosexuals who prostitute themselves as women of pleasure do.

That is one of the most difficult problems and unless it is eliminated immediately and looked into thoroughly, it will prevent the government from making the proposed legislation effective.

Mr. Speaker, before concluding I would like to quote a sentence from a booklet I received recently and titled: *Hope for Homosexuals*, by David Wilker. I quote from page 2:

• (8:30 p.m.)

[*English*]

And I quote in English the following paragraph:

One young homosexual boasted, "Some day we'll outnumber you, and then you 'straight' people will be the abnormal ones and we'll be the normal."

This is the kind of thing toward which we are aiming our Canadian society, and this is the type of thing which must make us think more deeply than we have on this subject.

[Mr. Valade.]

Mr. Reid: Are you going to look after procreation by yourself, Georges?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. If there are to be exchanges, they should be directed through the Chair.

Mr. Valade: I did not hear what the hon. member said, Mr. Speaker. I was much more interested in the major problem that the minister is creating for Canadians, and on some other occasion will answer this type of interjection.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, in concluding I would like to put on record those words which I have taken from an article written by the present Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and published on page 12 in the number of April 1963 of the review "Cité Libre". I quote:

On account of realism and efficiency, I was compelled, and may God forgive me, to betray some rebellions of my youth. But I have not yet accepted to trample on democracy. This is why on election day on April 8, I intend to vote for the New Democratic Party.

I think that it is also the duty of all those who believe that it is urgent to check the rush of the Canadian political philosophy towards stark degradation.

I have just quoted, Mr. Speaker, the author of the omnibus bill brought in by the Minister of Justice and which the house is now called upon to pass.

Mr. Speaker, I say to all conscientious members and I know that there are some on the other side of the house, as in all parties, that this is a really important and serious problem jeopardizing the welfare of our society.

In fact, this is a problem which must be looked into by experts. I therefore invite government members who might also be reluctant to support this omnibus bill—and there are some who may be absent for that reason, because they do not want to reveal their feeling in public—not to consider the political move which they will perhaps be compelled to make but rather to think of their responsibilities towards society which has elected them, in order to honour their mandate.

Mr. Roland Godin (Porineuf): Since yesterday, Mr. Speaker, several hon. members have taken the floor in order to support Bill C-150. Among the numerous arguments set forth by them, the evolution of morality seems to have had the priority. In my opinion, there is something more to that since we often hear of people wishing to change their sex.