

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The section to be repealed reads as follows:—

"198. (1) Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to one year's imprisonment who publishes any blasphemous libel.

(2) Whether any particular published matter is a blasphemous libel or not is a question of fact: Provided that no one is guilty of a blasphemous libel for expressing in good faith and in decent language, or attempting to establish by arguments used in good faith and conveyed in decent language, any opinion whatever upon any religious subject."

So far as known, only one prosecution under this section, and that in a recent case, has ever been taken in Canada.