

tickets, and many tickets, each year. Hundreds of thousands of dollars leave this country by devious routes and find their resting places largely in Ireland and India.

The honourable senator from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Webster) says he was in Paris last month and found the people who patronized the lotteries were not the wealthy people, but the poor and the working classes. I was in Paris, too, a few weeks before him, and was very much taken with the smooth working of the lotteries as I saw them. While every friend I met in Paris appeared to have lottery tickets, I based my conclusions on the press reports, which gave the occupations of the winners. Taking these reports as indicative of the people who were buying the lottery tickets, I found that in sweepstakes, as in every other undertaking, business or sport, the great middle class, about which you hear so little these days, carried the burden. One thing that impressed me was the gala night and the interest and amusement which accompanied the drawing in Paris, confirming the entertaining feature which was so ably put before us by the honourable senator from DeLanaudière (Hon. Mr. Casgrain) last session.

I listened with great interest to the very devout address made by the honourable senator from King's (Hon. Mr. Hughes) on Wednesday last, in which he referred to the gangster reign in Chicago. He might have proceeded a step further to the super-gangsters, the abductors for ransom, who are challenging the personal liberty of the Americans and thus shaking democracy to its very foundation. What are these gangsters the product of? Of a law forced on a people by a minority—legislation which the great majority would not support. There can be no stronger example of the futility, yes, the positive harm, of passing legislation which the majority of the people will not approve or live up to. The violation of the 18th Amendment by the great majority of the citizens of the United States brought about that disregard for law and order to which the honourable senator referred. Legislation which has not the approval of a large majority cannot be successfully enforced. Law violation brings disrespect for all law.

What is being done about the violation of section 236 of the Criminal Code, which this Bill proposes to modify? Once in a while, very seldom indeed, we hear of some poor chap being fined \$20 for having a lottery ticket in his possession. But is any effort made to arrest and fine the tens of thousands of us who buy lottery tickets every year? There is hardly a club, men's or women's,

in this country where the members cannot get tickets from some of the employees. At swell clubs, little clubs, big clubs, barber shops, manicure shops, beauty parlours and hundreds of other places throughout the Dominion tickets of foreign sweepstakes can be and are being procured. Is anything being done about it? Not a thing. After the drawing of every big sweepstake you will see a list of the winners published in our press. They must have bought tickets. They are violating section 236 of the Criminal Code. Is anything done about it? Not a thing.

The only action sometimes invoked is under paragraph 3 of section 236, whereby the informer against the winner gets the prize money—a procedure, indeed, which I would hardly say is consistent with the high moral attitude of many of the opponents of this measure. The net result, of course, is that the winner must immediately get his uncle or his aunt to bring suit against him and thus forestall the culprit who would otherwise get his illegal prize money. That is certainly on part of the Criminal Code which should be repealed. If to win a sweepstake is to continue to be a breach of the Criminal Code, then it should be the duty of the Attorney-General of the province to take action, and the money if forfeited should go to the State. I am disappointed that some of the honourable senators who so strongly oppose the Bill have not introduced an amendment to correct this ridiculous situation.

We have heard a good deal about provincial rights, and now we may have at least one province considering sweepstakes on its own account. What is going to happen if a province decides to authorize sweepstakes? Is the Attorney-General of that province, a member of the Government which authorized the sweeps, going to interfere? Will the Federal Government deny the use of the mails, or will the Postmaster General, in whose discretion this matter rests, decide that the mails shall carry the lottery tickets only in the province authorizing the sweep? I have reason to believe that is what might be done, but is it practicable? The mails to-day, notwithstanding subsection d of section 7 of the Post Office Act, carry tickets to and fro in connection with foreign lotteries. We have not heard of anyone being prosecuted because tickets have been picked up by the postal authorities.

We have heard considerable in this debate about protecting the youth of the country. This, I submit, honourable gentlemen, can best be done by precept, example and education, not by prohibitory legislation which is not enforced. I contend that the majority