

lust," "The realism of the narrative is marvellously vivid and stirring, and the reader is hurried on from one lascivious scene to another in breathless interest to the close."

The following recommendation of one of the books was on other typewritten, advertising circulars: "This is one of the most delightful, lascivious, and hot little books ever yet offered for the delectation of the refined, novelty-loving bibliophile."

All of the above information, together with the books themselves, were before the Minister of Justice, when the matter was under consideration yet on the floor of the House, as reported in Hansard, column 7345, the Honorable Minister says, "So far as the papers show, and so far as any report on the matter which I have received shows, the business was the ordinary, legitimate business of respectable bookselling."

The editor of "The Toronto Globe," after quoting the opinion of Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson, above recorded, says: "After a careful examination of a dozen of these books, the Globe endorses the judgment of Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson. Their only value to science is as a sample of the erotic factors in the making of degenerates and perverts. As literature, they range all the way from the scrofulous French novel, unexpurgated, vilely illustrated, and elegantly bound, to the still more lecherous exposition and advocacy of the grossest unnatural sensuality."

5—The first public statement by the Minister of Justice, made April 15th, was brought to the notice of the Toronto Ministerial Association, and a representative committee, strong in its personnel, examined the evidence and the books. They at once sent three of their number to Ottawa, with the books and evidence supplied by the Crown officers for this purpose, to submit them, together with the statement of the Minister of Justice, to the Right Honorable, the Prime Minister. They stated to him that manifestly the opinion of the Minister of Justice, in the circumstances, must have the effect of encouraging the vendors of such mental, moral and social poison to continue their vile business of circulating such books and literature, and respectfully called upon the Prime Minister to use his paramount influence to make or have made a public statement such as would prevent the utterance of the Minister of Justice having the effect just noted. The Prime Minister conferred with the Minister of Justice, after personally examining the evidence and the books, and hearing the statement of the Toronto ministers.

Inexplicable as it may seem, the Minister of Justice, after this conference with the Prime Minister, namely, on April 28th, made a second statement on the floor of the House and among other things, said: "If the same thing were to be considered over again under the same circumstances, I should act in exactly the same way as I have acted throughout. I have taken the course I thought was right, and which I still think was right." (Hansard 8527).

The Executive vouches for the thorough reliability of the above statement of facts, and submits it in all its critical seriousness to the various religious and other bodies represented in the Council, and to the decency-loving Canadian public, for such action as they in their wisdom deem necessary.

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