

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The appalling loss of life throughout Canada of late years from accidents through motor cars, and the large number killed by hit and run drivers has been the cause of numerous complaints and some considerable criticism from Judges, Grand Juries and Coroner's Juries in Canada, with requests for some form of Federal Legislation to cover the cases. Under the Code now, murder or manslaughter may be charged where the victim dies, in the case of a hit and run driver, but if the victim survives, after injuries, there is no penalty except fine under the various Motor Vehicles Acts and no adequate section of the Code to fit the case. The amendments are intended to cover such cases.

Everyone knows that the provisions of the Criminal Code are too uncertain, too inconsistent and quite insufficient to meet present needs. Almost any amendment might improve it. The deaths and bodily injuries caused by highway traffic would be appalling if their frequent occurrence had not made us too familiar with them. Nearly all accidents are the result of some breach of the rules of the road or some other law. No real attempt is made to enforce the highway traffic laws: they may be broken with impunity. Not a moment of the day passes in cities without a deliberate breach of the law.