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## **Degrading Literature And Youthful Delinquency**

**I**N THE address on "This Endless Stream of Delinquent Boys" which appears on our front page today Mr. Owen Dawson deals with the pernicious effects of the flood of cheap degrading imported magazines offered for sale in Montreal and says:

"There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that the type of publication I refer to is one of the major causes of youthful delinquency, and I am amazed that our Church and educational authorities do not rise up in their wrath and have them swept out of the country."

These are strong words. They are a challenge to both church and civil authorities.

According to Mr. Dawson, the civil authorities claim they are powerless. He quotes the law to combat this view.

We refer our readers to the text of Mr. Dawson's remarks — which remarks by the way, revealed a state of things that shocked members of the Rotary Club of Montreal this week.

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*"The open sale of crime and sex literature to me is disgusting beyond measure and should be stopped. It is a potent source of evil thoughts in the mind of youth."*

Dr. J. A. Nutter.