

Criminal Code

I must say that I am deeply disturbed by the fact that men and women persist in discussing openly these subjects which, for reasons of decency, should not be a matter of bold discussions, particularly in public, between men and women.

The problem of homosexuality and the resulting immorality has, in recent months, been dealt with too freely in the Canadian press. And the obscenities are only starting.

Even now parliamentary debates are crammed with useless details. Even now newspaper reports, public discussions, magazine articles, individual suggestions and advertisements deal freely with sexual and homosexual matters, which are becoming the butt of mockery and buffoonery.

An appeal is made to the avidity and curiosity of the reader, of the listener. Such programs, such writings flood the newspaper, book and magazine market. Now, many modern thinkers argue speciously that one is born a homosexual.

Similarly, some teach that alcoholism is not a sin but a disease. The alcoholic is simply the victim of an appetite for which he is not responsible. Alcoholism is merely an unfortunate thing, a simple result of the fatality which makes man what he is: a being to be pitied rather than blamed for his faults.

Accordingly, the homosexual, we are told, must not be blamed for his perversion. He is merely the victim of fate, and consequently not responsible for his antisocial behavior.

Of course, whether they be alcoholics, gamblers or homosexuals, they all refuse to accept any responsibility for their perversion, yet they give in freely to their appetites, proving that they have no desire to be rid of their passions.

● (12 noon)

In this omnibus bill, we read, among other things, on page 34, clause 14, which I will quote with the note in the margin:

Killing child

Subsection (2) of section 195 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) ... A person commits homicide when he causes injury to a child before or during its birth as a result of which the child dies after becoming a human being—

The amendment states clearly "after becoming a human being, and subsection (1) of section 195 explains when a child becomes a human being:

A child becomes a human being within the meaning of this Act when it has completely proceeded,

[Mr. Dumont.]

in a living state, from the body of its mother whether or not

- (a) it has breathed,
- (b) it has an independent circulation, or
- (c) the navel string is severed.

Now, the bill is amended by providing that an homicide will be committed when it has been established that life is present, and a proper explanation will follow.

Mr. Speaker, my 4-year-old child accompanied us when we went to visit relatives during the Christmas holidays of 1968-69 and getting close to his aunt asked her: "Auntie, may I hear your baby move"? How happy he was when he told us: "Mother, the baby moved!" When a 4-year-old child is able to detect the presence of life in the bosom of a woman who is 5 months pregnant, one wonders why they try to make us believe in this house that the presence of life in a child only appears in the 9th month of pregnancy or at birth. No, Mr. Speaker, we cannot as Christians accept that theory.

At this stage, and like the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) who does it often, I would ask: "What does the people want? How could I hold a dialogue with them?"

I have here a letter which a citizen of Montmagny addressed to the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert), who gave it to me this morning. I would like to quote it, because it is a source of reflection and bears witness to real Christian thinking. Here it is:

I take the liberty of writing to you to-night about the omnibus bill that will soon be brought before the House of Commons.

Monday evening, from 10 to 11 o'clock, on the rotten CBC network, we were shown a program that was apparently intended to cause the people to accept the human degradation of those who indulge in homosexuality. The result of this program is that many have been misled and think that these people are sick, while the real reason for their behaviour is an absence of God in their lives.

To prove my point, I refer to page 169 of the Bible, in the Testament, where Saint Paul the Apostle gives the reason for the sexual deviation of these people. Here are some extracts which I advise you to read and to have them read by your leader, Mr. Réal Caouette. I am sure that you will find them interesting, as I know you are an earnest Catholic.

Here are the extracts from the Bible, by the Apostle Saint Paul. They are entitled: "The Universality of Sin", 1.-1, 18:32:

The Gentiles are away from the road to salvation. (20). For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. (21) Because that, when they knew God,