

Coming back to human law, we can infer that, following the divine commandment, the constituted civil authority must take all the necessary means to protect the neighbour which is society.

And, among those means, the death penalty is precisely the final one given by God to Moses in the judaic law which provided for death as a punishment for certain crimes.

But also, I am not afraid to admit that the application of the death penalty is so dependent on the conditions of people, places and times, that today not one of us can legislate without fear of making a mistake.

The major difficulty is not to find the guilty one but to determine his degree of guilt among the intricate extenuating or aggravating circumstances and, therefore, to unable the established authority to act for the greatest good of our modern society.

I am not a man of law but I have, so to speak, lived the law.

Indeed, in the last 30 years, having been constantly involved in all kinds of judicial inquiries, having been called upon to help medical experts with several autopsies in order to detect the mobile of a crime or the cause of death, to establish the degree of guilt of the alleged criminal, I have come to the point that today I ask myself if the condemned was really the guilty one and to what extent?

In our so-called civilized society, full of contradictions and hypocrisy, I wonder if those who made certain laws were more serious than some others who apply them today?

After having lived, so to speak, so many tragic events, I come to the conclusion that the two main things that lead to crime are: money and sex.

It is in the light of those causes, when one goes down to the bottom of the extenuating circumstances, that it is difficult to give a name to the guilty one. To such an extent that when one hears some sentences, an inner voice shouts other names. Who? A partner, a friend, a police officer, a lawyer, a judge, finance, society itself, what?

So, I pity certain policemen, investigators, solicitors, counsel and judges, especially when they hold functions for which they are totally unsuited.

Therefore, I shall always be opposed to purely political or financial appointments in the field of justice.

Criminal Code

Tell me who you serve, tell me who pays you and I might show you who is the guilty one.

Shake up your personal memories when you are alone in your room tonight and you will agree with me that society is far from having the protection it should have.

Instead of making speeches on whether or not we should abolish capital punishment, it would be much more beneficial to study means to free society from those financiers without conscience and their parasites who find supporters at every level of our social structure.

The one and only thing I am interested in tonight is last degree capital murder, thereby casting aside all the others.

I also wish to look at things from the standpoint of our democratic society, on the political plane since we are no longer dealing with economic and financial matters where the opinion of the majority of responsible people becomes law.

Therefore, I will pay no attention to the opinion of socialists or communists pleading for the abolition of capital punishment in our democracies, while every day their leaders abroad are placing those who oppose their will before the firing squad.

Shall we find a disciple of Lenin or Karl Marx crying over Canadians sent to the gallows when their own master himself boasted that, as far as he was concerned, human life was not worth more than that of a guinea pig? Is that what you call respect for the human person?

Or, perhaps, these goods disciples, putting forward the absolute certainty of guilt? When after having crushed a revolution they will execute out of hand all their opponents.

At this stage, Mr. Speaker, I want to call the attention of the house on an article written by Renaude Lapointe, entitled "Tears over a murderer" ("Pleurons sur l'assassin") which reads as follows:

For several months the abolitionists in Canada, have been carrying out a well organized campaign in favour of their cause. A long article published Monday in the *Globe and Mail* of Toronto, had this tear-jerking headline: "He was alone, defenceless and was killed". Whom were they talking about? Not about the innocent victim of the murderer (who also was alone, defenceless and murdered), but about the murderer himself when he had to pay for his crime.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this should be a cause for reflexion for many people and members of this house, especially when we