

*Criminal Code*

the wheel but it was to bring him to jail. The following morning, his employer had to go to the police station to bail out his employee, who had had three bottles of beer in four hours' time.

I am also thinking about a peddler, who earned his living as a retailer. Following a minor accident in a fog, he had told the policemen that he had had two small bottles of beer in a three-hour period prior to the accident. On account of the evidence given by two policemen, the man lost his driving licence for five months. Since he earned his living as a door-to-door retail salesman, he did need his automobile, but there was no way out: he had his driving permit suspended for five months.

It is not often said, but the average honest Quebec resident thinks this is about the same all over the country. The honest Canadian citizen has had at times to deal with the police force. He wants to be protected against abuses by police officers. Again, I say that this new method, the breathalyzer test, is highly regarded by my compatriots. I would vote for the clause on this subject were it not for the other repulsive clauses which are included in this bill.

In fact, that part of the bill concerning homosexuality is one among others that is disgusting. In my opinion, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) is a normal person. It is indeed unfortunate that he has been compelled to work on this and to take over this responsibility.

In my opinion, some articles published in *L'Ami de Saint-Benoit-du-Lac* are a good example of the ridiculous situation inherited by the minister. I quote:

The bill on homosexuality.

The bill which aims at "legalizing" homosexuality will be talked about for quite a while. It would be a pity if honourable members took it upon themselves to enact it in its present form.

All the ballyhooing around that topic gives the impression to many poorly informed people, that homosexuality is a normal thing, while it is a sexual perversion: the bill does not state it, and yet it should be common knowledge. During the debate on a similar bill adopted in England, people at least were courageous enough to tell it like it is, about the scourge of homosexuality. In this country, we heard men and women say on the air—

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—that they favour the legislation, because they themselves indulge in that kind of perversion; according to them, their behaviour is quite normal: they are sick, but they do not know it.

[Mr. Godin.]

Doctors and psychiatrists agree that this deviation may often be cured; but if you allow people to think that it is a normal way of life, it is quite possible that things will get worse, instead of getting better. If authorities would agree to say that it is a disease or an abnormal psychological condition, one cannot imagine that this sexual deviation would be encouraged to spread on a plea of "freedom", as true freedom of the individual is based upon the respect of other peoples' freedom. But human nature being what it is, we can see, with horror and dismay that those who indulge in that kind of behaviour, lead astray other people, for in general they are indifferent towards the opposite sex, if not downright hostile. Is this what they want to legalize?

And the article ends with the following words:

"But where will it all stop?"

Mr. Speaker, I also have here a long letter from Rev. Gérard Gagnon, of the Collège Sainte-Croix in Montreal. He quotes the comments of Raymond Lacoste, a French journalist who was covering the debates when the British Parliament passed the Bill legalizing homosexuality. I quote:

The debates have shown us the extent of this evil: from 50 to 60 million unnatural acts are committed every year! The number of sexual offences, from a mere 5,000 per year in 1939, had risen to 20,000 by 1964; at the same time, the number of violent crimes had risen from 2,900 to 23,470, and the number of criminal offences from 303,000 to over one million per year.

Raymond Lacoste continues in a humorous vein which however calls for tears rather than for smiles:

During the debates we were treated to some "weighty" considerations. Needless to say, when the question was put the ravishing young men with made up eyes who filled the galleries expressed their boundless joy with loud cheers.

The defenders of the "dear boys" put forward all kinds of arguments... Mr. Wood maintained seriously that homosexuality offers no risk of illegitimate birth! And what good is it to send a homosexual to jail? Is it not like sentencing a "wolf" to a few years in a harem? (This from Mr. Absi, M.P., and it brought a roar of laughter from his colleagues).

Raymond Lacoste concluded by saying that those debates revealed that the moral fibre of British youth was in danger. There are two million homosexuals in Great Britain, which shows the depth of degradation in that country. Could it be there is something rotten in the Kingdom?

Mr. Speaker, like monkeys we are imitating England. Side by side with England, we fought Germany; side by side with England, we won the war and today, like England, we go back to Germany to borrow money. In this