

(b) That Skill and King, having appealed to the Department at Ottawa against this decision of the Customs and Postal authorities of Toronto, the action of the Toronto authorities was confirmed and approved.

(c) That circulars which were put in as exhibits advertising "curious, erotic and realistic books" were sent by mail to parties in the United States and Canada; that some of these circulars had found their way into the hands of Mr. Anthony Comstock, Chief Post Office Inspector for the United States, and had been by him sent to the Postmaster General at Ottawa, and by him in turn sent on to Toronto, this constituting the occasion of these prosecutions.

(2) Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson, Chief Coroner for Toronto, had been subpoenaed by the Crown to give evidence at the trial and instructed to go through the books and give his opinion as to whether they were obscene and indecent. His signed report, contained the following statements :—

After naming the books and describing their contents he says :—

"After having examined these books and made enquiry, I am prepared to prove that they are not scientific or medical works."

"It was contended that these books were not obscene. They are absolutely unadulterated filth."

"The plea that they are scientific or medical or could be read by any professional man for the purpose of learning anything from them that would be of value to him in his practice, is absolutely absurd and untrue. If the medical profession is so unfortunate as to have within its ranks examples of those creatures (of whom there are many more than we generally suspect) who are known as sexual perverts and whose minds seem to require absolutely rotten food upon which to feed, then these books would supply that food."

After saying that at the police court trial, it was clear that at least one of the lawyers engaged in the defence of Skill and King was wholly ignorant of the contents of those books, he concluded, saying: "The description of these books given in the published catalogue, issued by the firm should be enough to show any reasonable man their character."

(3) Dr. Locke, Chief Librarian of Toronto, was subpoenaed and examined the works, and reported them to be obscene and unfit for circulation.

(4) That the defendants, Skill and King, did business in the same premises under three separate names, viz.: "The Toronto Antiquarian Book Company," "The Globe Library Club," and "The Clarke Company." Their premises were at 5 Jordan Street. They did a legitimate Antiquarian Book business, and in addition, this business in immoral and obscene books, not all Antiquarian by any means. These illegitimate books were advertised in catalogues and circulars entirely separate from those used for their legitimate Antiquarian Book business. The illegitimate books in question were kept in a small room off the general place of business. Thousands of copies of the objectionable advertising circular were found on the premises. In this circular, the following phrases or sentences are found: "The glorification of Sensuality," "The apotheosis of rape with violence," "The songs of songs of rape and violation," "Exquisite full-page plates. (Some very free)," "No author for very young men, nor for women who are not prepared to own to forty summers," "Sexual Customs in many lands—being observations on the esoteric manners and customs of semi-civilized people," "The plague of lust," "A marvellous mass of out-of-the-way information on the sexual vices," "Lashed into