

is now the only open gambling hell. Bookmakers have been allowed at horse races, as it is thought the betting encouraged racing, and so better the breed of horses. Betting debts, however, are not recognized by law, and cannot be legally collected. To encourage art in Quebec art lotteries have been legalized by the Federal Government, that is, lotteries in which the prizes are works of art. Hence the Royal Canadian Art Union. At its monthly drawings this union offers works of art to the value of \$48,000. Each of these pictures is held at a certain price, and the winner can either take the picture or sell it to the concern at the value marked on it. Imagine a hundred thousand dollars a month, over a million dollars a year, being spent in Montreal on works of art! Would not our community soon become well endowed in that respect? Needless to say, the pictures are seldom called for, and a mere money lottery is the result. Art can do nothing to ennoble the vicious principles of the lottery, and to associate the two can only degrade art, and the community which on such a subterfuge legalizes an evil. In like manner religion is not only dishonored, but degraded to the gamblers' standard, when used as an excuse and cloak for gambling, as is so often done at church fairs by fish-pools, lotteries and tombolas. It is for those who dishonor art and religion by making exceptions to the law, which accept them as excuses for a vice, so to amend the law as to prevent this excuse from rendering nugatory the whole law.

It is interesting to consider this monthly drawing as a money speculation. Every month tickets are put on sale to a value of one hundred thousand dollars, and every month prizes to the value of forty-eight thousand dollars are distributed. This gives a profit of fifty thousand dollars to the concern every month, of which the customers are deprived. On an even bet the chances of winning are one in four. Or, in other words, it is as if one should bet two dollars to one that a cent when tossed would land heads. The oftener one bets and the larger the amount staked the