

Code Revision Attacks Obscene Publications

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OTTAWA (CP)—Criminal Code amendments intended to avoid prejudicing an accused person's chances for a fair trial and at ridding newsstands of obscene publications were introduced in the Commons Thursday by Justice Minister Fulton.

The lengthy government bill also embodies changes that might make it a little easier for cash-strapped Canadians to stay out of jail, by giving them the right to pay all fines on the instalment plan.

The proposed change in permissible news reports of preliminary hearings—at which it is decided whether evidence warrants an accused going on trial—would prohibit any reference to a confession or admission by the accused until he was freed or his trial completed.

APPLIES TO NEWS COVERAGE
It is intended that this provision will not apply to news coverage of any statements made by the accused at a trial, whether they be confessions or otherwise.

"The purpose of the proposed amendment," says an explanatory note in the bill, "is to provide that a news report of a preliminary inquiry published before the accused has been discharged or the trial concluded may not disclose an admission or confession made by the accused."

It adds that "the object of the proposed amendment is to avoid prejudice to the accused." Authorities said the main idea behind this should make it easier to find jurors unfamiliar with the accused's case should it go from preliminary hearing to trial.

QUOTES LAW
The proposed new law would read: "Everyone who publishes in any newspaper, or broadcasts, a report that any admission or confession was tendered in evidence at a preliminary inquiry or a report of the nature of such admission or confession so tendered in evidence unless (a) the accused has been discharged or (b) if the accused has been committed for trial, the trial has ended, is guilty of an offence punishable by summary conviction."

Existing law empowers judges, if they think it necessary in the interests of justice, to ban the public—including reporters—from preliminary hearings.

But judges have no authority over what is reported of a preliminary hearing left open to the public.

The proposed change would have no effect on the right of the public to attend preliminary hearings.

Other changes in Canada's criminal law proposed in the bill include:
A legal definition of obscenity—"any publication a dominant characteristic of which is the undue exploitation of sex, or of sex and any one or more of the following subjects, namely, crime, horror, cruelty and violence shall be deemed to be obscene."

Since Confederation in 1867 it has been left to the courts to define where art leaves off and obscenity begins. This definition written in an 1888 judgment has been the most widely used.

"The test of obscenity is this—whether the tendency of the matter charged as obscenity is to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences and into whose hands the publication of this sort may fall."

The courts would be empowered to order obscene material and crime comics seized and destroyed, whether anyone was convicted or not.

Pilots on aircraft registered in Canada or on flights terminating in Canada would be empowered to arrest law offenders. Such offenders would be subject to prosecution in Canadian courts, but foreign passengers could not be so prosecuted without consent of the federal justice minister.

BROADEN PRINCIPLE
The code changes would broaden the instalment-paying principle to include fines for more serious, or indictable, offences, and ensure the convicted offender of at least two weeks in which to pay, provided he can show the court he is unable to pay immediately.

At present, the courts have discretion whether to give time for paying fines on summary conviction for minor offences. But indictable offences must be paid forthwith. If anyone is unable to pay his fine, he must serve the equivalent time in jail.

The new provision on obscene material and crime comics would empower a judge, who is satisfied by information given under oath that there are reasonable grounds, to order such material seized.

Within seven days, he then would have to summon the responsible newspaper owner, say, to show cause why the material should not be forfeited to the crown. If he were unable to do so, the court would order the material turned over to the crown for disposal.

PROVIDE FOR APPEAL
The bill provides for an appeal against the court's decision. Other proposals include:
1. A person convicted of leaving the scene of an accident could be

prohibited by the courts from driving.
2. It would be an offence to carry an imitation of a weapon for the purpose of committing a crime. At present it is an offence, punishable by up to five years imprisonment, only if a person is caught carrying a real weapon for this purpose.
3. A verbatim record shall be taken of the summing-up addresses of both the prosecutor and the accused or defence counsel in all trials of indictable offences and these shall be furnished courts of appeal, if the case is appealed.
4. All time served while awaiting disposition of appeals would be counted as part of the original

sentence. Whether this is done now is left to the discretion of appeal courts.
5. No pistols, revolvers or other automatic weapons such as tommyguns could be loaned unless the borrower has the weapon registered in his name.
6. Any shop repairing such a weapon would have to keep a record of this, just as sales of such weapons now must be recorded.

The purpose of the last two changes would be to keep a closer check on the owners of the weapons.

BRITISH BOOKS
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See above are the members of the Souris High School Graduating Class. TOP: George MacKinnon, Anne Marie Gallant, Joan Stewart, Douglas White, Evelyn Carpenter, Louise Gallant. SEC-

OND ROW: Ann Gillespie, Frances Clinton, Gloria Peters, Clem Gallant, Marie Mullally, Pauline Dixon. THIRD ROW: Melvin Walsh, John LaBrecq, Marilyn Dixon, Audrey Roach, Hilary

Gallant, Pauline MacLean. BOTTOM ROW: Ida Carpenter, Freda Peters, Sandra MacGregor, Gerald Chastan, Pauline MacPhee, Carole Ellis.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

NOT THE DAIRY PLANTS

Dairymen who are producing milk for pasteurizing plants and the bottle trade and who have surplus milk which they must sell to cheese or other processing plants have been advised that they will not receive the 25 cents subsidy per hundred paid by the stabilization board.

It should be clearly understood that the processing plants are not responsible for this decision, they have no choice. For if they did pay the 25 cents they would not be able to recover it from the Stabilization Board. Of course if the fluid milk shipper wishes to separate his surplus and sell cream he will receive the same price for it as anyone else. The object of the restriction is to reduce the amount of milk being turned into powder.

FARMER AND INFLATION

Yesterday the Canadian Federation of Agriculture presented a brief to the Special Senate Committee on financial and monetary problems. The Federation's brief deals with the effect of inflation on agriculture and the farmer's position. The brief points out that increased production per man hour in agriculture and other related efficiencies have increased production to the point where farm prices have been lowering at a time when production costs have gone up. The brief suggests that the country can much better face up to the problems of a moderate inflation than to those of deflation. Also emphasized is the fact that in periods of inflation expenditures on food form a smaller proportion of total income. In short, increased purchasing power does not materially increase either the volume or value of food consumption.

FIVE DAY WEEK

Generally in industry, business and the professions the trend is to a five day week. REASONS for a five day week. Reasons for this state of affairs are various, some of them obvious, some of them not. The most obvious being of course, the fact that most people prefer to do as little work as possible and five day weeks instead of six is a move in this direction.

A hidden reason is that in the mind of organized labour, work can be provided for more people. The extra day's leisure of course creates opportunity for travel and spending, thus keeping money in circulation. For the man tied to his desk or profession it can give an opportunity for him to get his business or banking done on Saturday. But these people have also pinched their working days and this advantage no longer exists.

In a province such as this where agriculture is the most important industry a five day week for the farmer is impractical. Even in seven days many farmers never manage to get all their work done and on livestock farms there is always work for each day of the week.

All too many farmers are finding themselves in the position of having to work seven days in order to buy the products or services of other groups who work for only five days out of the seven and get more pay rather than less for doing it.

VETERANS BENEFITED

Parliament has recently amended the Veteran's Land Act to increase loans which may be made from \$9,000 to \$20,000 and with an increase in the period of repayment from 25 years to thirty. The increased money available can be used for the expansion of holdings, purchase of livestock and farm equipment or for refinancing previous loans.

MORE CAPITAL
The need for larger amounts of capital in order to successfully operate farms is being recogniz-

ed in Parliament with amendments to the Farm Loan Board Act, the Veteran's Land Act and the Farm Improvement Loans Act. Under the latter the present limit on loans has been raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500 with no increase in the rate of interest which remains at 5 percent. These changes are a recognition of what seems to be general agreement on the necessity of farm operations increasing in size which of course requires additional working capital. A big farm can not be operated with the same amount of money as the small one.

HOG PRODUCERS OPPOSED

Ontario hog producers met on May 26 in Toronto and took a strong stand against the proposal of deficiency payments in the hog industry. Opinion of the largely attended meeting was that the floor price system with offer to purchase should be maintained. However, there also was acceptance of the idea for lower floor price on hogs in order to control their production.

Of course it was pointed out even with a 23 cents floor that hog prices had gone to \$29. Ontario farmers are concerned with deficiency payments which mean the continuation and development of a cheap food policy in this country. Clearly farmers can be pardoned for being concerned by the disabilities they might incur in operating in high cost economy and seeing in a cheap food policy.

AERIAL VIEW

An airplane flight from Charlottetown to Summerside last Sunday confirmed the writer's opinion that winter killing in pastures and meadows has been very extensive. Practically all fields show some killing, others have numerous patches which might add up to 50 percent while in still others quite large areas are still grey and show no signs of growth. So far this has been a poor grass season, winter killing, a dry May followed by cold weather in June have certainly kept the grass in low gear.

THREE CENTURIES

Recently off the press, "Three Centuries and the Island" by A. H. Clar, whose parents, were natives of the province, provides a very interesting combination of economic, geographical and agricultural history. The book contains over 300 maps which illustrate such widely divergent matters as hay production per person and percentage of improved land per farm. Curiously, Kings County which is least important agriculturally has the largest farms in the province. Readers who are interested in some quite original information on the agriculture of the province will find this new book to be quite original.

FREIGHT RATES

Added to last week's concession on potatoes and turnips going into the New England States is this week's announcement that lumber and lumber products will be freighted to points in Ontario and Quebec at reduced rates. While the volume of these products may not be large they are of sufficient importance to provide 40 percent of the farm income in Kings County.

MOSS CHARGED

COBLENZ, West Germany (Reuters)—The widow of a Swiss racing driver who received fatal injuries in the Nuerburgring sports car race last Sunday has laid a charge of "negligent killing" against British driver Stirling Moss. It was disclosed Thursday. Fausto Meyrat died in the hospital Tuesday from injuries received when his German Auto Union car ran off the track in the ninth or 10th lap of the 44-lap race.

Baby Shower For Twin Sons

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Orville Clark, Kensington, entertained a large number of friends and neighbors at a baby shower for little Donald Gordon and Ronald Earle, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacKenzie.

Two prettily trimmed baskets in blue and white were carried in laden with gifts by Mrs. Keith Moon and Mrs. Daniel Noonan who also opened the gifts. Mrs. Roy McArthur read the accompanying verses and Mrs. Elmer Somers and Mrs. Nelson Cassey arranged them on the table. Mrs. Somers expressed her appreciation to all for their gifts and also to Mrs. Clark for her kind hospitality.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by several of the ladies.

CEYLON MINISTER RESIGNS

COLOMBO, Ceylon (Reuters)—M. W. H. de Silva, Ceylon's minister of justice and leader of the Senate, Thursday resigned his portfolio and Senate seat. His resignation was believed to be because of differences with the government over cabinet changes announced Tuesday.

DEATH NOTICE

EDWARD LeCLAIR
The death occurred at the Livingstone and McArthur Nursing Home on May 15, 1959, of Edward LeClair at the age of 72 years after a long illness.

His remains were transferred from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the home of his brother Tim J. LeClair, Nail Pond from where a military funeral was held to St. Simon and St. Jude Church, Tignish on Saturday morning at 10.30.

Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his nephew Rev. Joseph H. LeClair, of Rustico with Rev. P. McKenna of Alberton as deacon, Rev. F. McCaugh, Tignish, sub-deacon and Rev. M. Rooney, as master of ceremonies.

He was born in Tignish the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. LeClair and was well known there as a baker and later in Bouctouche, N.B. where he had a restaurant for many years.

He was unmarried and leaves to mourn his passing a sister Mrs. Mary Arsenault, city, and two brothers, Thomas J., Rustico and Tim in Nail Pond, also his step-mother, Mrs. Joseph A. LeClair, Tignish, and the following half-brothers and sisters, John, Charlottetown and Amable, Nail Pond, Rev. Sister Mary Imelda, C.S.M., Charlottetown, Margaret, Mrs. Eddie Bernard, St. Louis, and Catherine, Mrs. Cyrus Perry, Sea Cow Pond, also many nephews and nieces. May his soul rest in peace.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Edward LeClair, wish to thank most sincerely Mrs. Livingstone and her staff, Rt. Rev. Msgr. R. V. MacKenzie, Dr. Sweeney and all those who gave mass offerings and flowers; also a special thank you to the members of the Tignish branch of the Canadian Legion for their attendance at the funeral. Thank you one and all.

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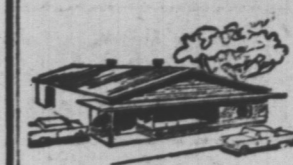
SUMMERSIDE — The final meeting of the business and professional women's club was held at the nurses' residence, Summerside Wednesday evening. Miss Margaret Culiccutt was in

charge of a delicious buffet supper. Miss Doris Palmer was appointed delegate to the Prince Edward Island conference on education to be held in Charlottetown. Miss Lillian Cudmore gave a report on plans concerning booths for the lobster carnival.

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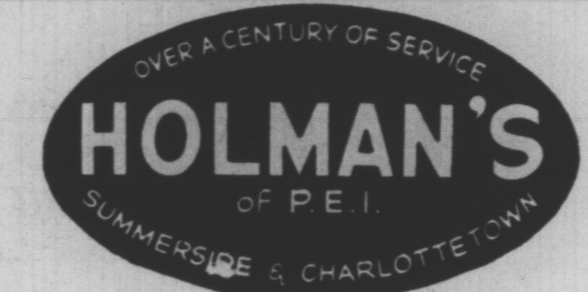
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