

No Change In Law Re Obscene Literature

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — Justice Minister Garson has stepped into the middle of a controversy smoldering in Ottawa for the last fortnight over the question of "obscene" literature.

In a letter to the city, Mr. Garson threw a wet blanket over hopes of several Ottawa organizations to tighten the Criminal Code provisions for the sale of obscene books. Ottawa police have seized, along with various "girlie" magazines, a number of pocket-books, including reprints of works by Erskine Caldwell and John Steinbeck, in a drive against "filthy" books and magazines.

Charges against the National News Company, a distributing agency with headquarters in Ottawa, have been laid, and a hearing is scheduled for magistrate's court tomorrow.

So far, police have not disclosed which books or publications they have chosen to base their charges, but about 25 books have been seized at city news stands.

The Parent-Teachers Associations of the Catholic dioceses and the Knights of Columbus, have spearheaded a drive to seek amendments to the Criminal Code and the Federal Customs and Tariffs Act.

It was all on civic level until Mr. Garson's letter was disclosed today, in which he said the Criminal Code provisions against the distribution of obscene publications are "as enforceable as it can be."

The Criminal Code legislation by the Federal Government, but administered by the attorneys-general of the provinces.

"The problem," he said, "is basically one of enforcement and thus far, we have received no representations which would lead us to believe the present law is unenforceable, and indeed we have reason to think that it is enforceable because it was drawn after the most careful consultation with the men whose responsibility it is to enforce it."

The letter was the first federal reaction to protests against allegedly objectionable literature sold on news stands. It was in response to a resolution by city council endorsing the request of the City of Kitchener for amending legislation.

Mr. Garson said parliament revised and re-enacted the provisions of the Criminal Code dealing with the control of the sale of objectionable literature.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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"G-a-a-w! G-a-a-w!" he called at the top of his voice. He was calling to his friends to hurry.

They did hurry. They began to arrive singly and in twos and threes until the entire flock of a dozen or more was on hand. Some were flying back and forth about the top of the tree in which frightened Young Hooty sat. He was frightened now, very much frightened. What could one helpless young Owl do against so many black tormentors? Oh, how he wished he had kept hidden. But he hadn't. He had been too curious. And now he was paying for his curiosity.

"Pull his feathers out!" screamed a young Crow, darting at him as if to do that very thing, but turning aside at the last minute.

"Peck his eyes out!" shrieked another.

"Kill him! Kill him!" cried a third.

"We'll teach him not to come sneaking around our roost at night!" screamed another.

"I never have. I don't even know where your roost is," cried Young Hooty. "I don't even go hunting yet," he added.

"He will soon enough if we leave him alone. You know what his father and his mother do to us Crows every chance they get. They are always looking for us at night, when we can't see and they can. Do we want another doing the same thing?" cried Blacky, the fawn at Young Hooty and pulled a feather from his coat.

"Not! Not! Not!" chorused all the Crows and formed a black cloud around the upper part of that tree, screaming and threatening, first one and then another dashing at the unhappy young Owl. He was doing his best not to look frightened, but fierce and dangerous. All the time he was frightened, terribly frightened. And how he hated those Crows! He was learning two things he had not known before—fear and hate.

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Says Wild Life Needs Improved Public Relations

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — Canadian birds, animals and fish need a good public relations office, a noted wildlife expert said recently.

Dr. Harrison P. Lewis, retiring with a continent-wide reputation as chief of Canada's Wildlife Service, said in an interview that he considers public relations services in connection with organized wildlife management are "very inadequate."

A free agent since his retirement became effective Monday, he made it clear that he was not trying to embarrass the service he is leaving.

"The department knows my views," he said.

However, he stressed that wildlife public relations should be handled by a staff specially designed for such work, made up of "people who know how to write and who have the knowledge of wildlife conservation problems."

While he believed this should be done by the government, it could also be done by private agencies.

In both respects, Canada lagged far behind the United States, where most of the states had their own public relations groups and where private agencies handled conservation publicity on a scale undreamed of in Canada.

Sports magazines and some newspaper columnists were doing "excellent work" in this field, he added, but nothing comparable to what was being done in the United States.

The mild-mannered, 58-year-old veteran of 31 years' government conservation service intends, in his own small way, to practice what he preaches.

Leaving the Civil Service seven years before his time—the normal retirement age is 65—he is retiring to devote his time to "writing, lecturing and research work, and enjoying wildlife in rural surroundings."

He and Mrs. Lewis, who he described as a wildlife lover by marriage, have bought a 70-acre tract by the sea at West Middle Sable, in Shelburne County, N. S., near the scene of his boyhood. They'll set up housekeeping there next month.

Born in Nova Harbor, Long Island, of Nova Scotian ancestry, he first became interested in birds when his grandfather bought him a three-year subscription to a periodical called "Birds." He was three then, and has been fascinated with birds ever since.

Secret Of Maritimers Success

MONTREAL, April 5 — A Maritime recently told a group of Maritimers just what makes Maritimers successful.

There are four reasons, Murray R. Chipman, Montreal director of MacLean-Hunter Publishing Company Ltd. told the Maritime Women's Club of Montreal.

First the speaker said, Maritimers have a respect for education and, in many instances, make a real sacrifice to acquire it.

Secondly, he continued, they succeeded by "not having too much too soon."

Thirdly, (always according to the speaker, mind you) they have a sense of responsibility. "Doing one's share of the chores is a good preparation for life's achievements," Mr. Chipman said.

And last but not least, the Maritimer has the conviction "that he must finally justify himself to himself — his best self," Mr. Chipman noted.

The speaker admitted these four characteristics are not exclusive to the Maritime Provinces. They are inherent in all Northern peoples, he added.

"But because of the background of these people, especially their nearness to the sea, these characteristics are heightened in the Maritimes."

"In a world tending to cast us all in the same mould, the Maritimer is a race of individualists. Insular in his pride, he is tenacious, even stubborn. But he is just as tenacious a friend, when he gives friendship. The Maritime women are tenacious too, as many a bachelor has found out," he added.

Canadians, Mr. Chipman said, should stop being self-depreciatory about their country.

"Let's get excited about Canada," suggested the speaker.

For a Canadian flag, the speaker proposed "a silhouette of Canada in gold on red or blue background with the Crown superimposed on the upper centre."

Blarney Stone Tied Down In Ireland By Will

CORK, Republic of Ireland, April 5 — (Reuters) — All the blarney in the world couldn't get the age-old Blarney Stone away from the Emerald Isle now.

The grey, triangular boulder which is said to give "persuasive eloquence" to those who kiss it, is tied down in Ireland. This is laid down in the will, published today, of Sir George Ollivier Colthurst, a baronet and patriot who refused a fortune from United States interests for the rock.

Sir George a year ago left the 15th-century Blarney Castle—and its legendary stone—to his niece, Mrs. Penelope Hamilton.

The stone is perched high on the castle battlements. It is said that leprechauns and fairies have danced by it in moonlight since 1602, laughing at the unbelieving English who once tried to take it.

For it was in that year, during one of the periodic battles between the Irish and English, that the owner of the castle, Cormack McCarthy, signed an armistice with Carew, the English lord president, surrendering his fortress.

But all Carew got was soft speeches and cajolery until he became the laughing stock of Elizabeth I's ministers and the dupe of the Lord of Blarney.

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Canadian Army Casualty List

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — The army today issued its 101st casualty list of the Korean war, reporting one officer and four men wounded in action. The last previous list was issued last Sunday.

This brought to 750 the number of casualties so far suffered by Canadian troops in Korean action, including 140 dead, 544 wounded, 61 injured in action, four missing and one captured.

Wounded In Action
Gardner, Herbert Russell, Lieut.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Hubert Gardner (father), Arnprior, Ont.

Girard, Jean Maurice, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment; Montreal; Stanislas Girard (father), 7th Range, Wickham West, Drummondville, Que.

Narvey, Harry Samuel, Pte.; 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; Mrs. Joseph Condo (mother), Burnt Church, Northumberland Co., N. B.

Pike, John Joseph, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Vera Pike (wife), 6 Stratton Road, Corner Brook, Nfld.

Thompson, Joseph Jeffery, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Margaret Wright (mother), 54 Aldergrove Ave., Toronto.

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Grade I Jr.—1. Marilyn Noonan; 2. Billy Bassett; 3. Sybil Noonan.
Assistant: Frances Cairns.