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**REFUSED THE OFFER**  
Ottawa, Feb. 15.—A. D. Kitchin, of  
the Department of Agriculture, it is  
understood, has refused the offer of  
the position of director of the Or-  
ange River new experimental farm.

**SUICIDE AT PALMERSTON**  
Palmerston, Feb. 15.—Mr. Walter,  
justice officer here, committed suicide  
by shooting. Dr. M. Forster, the  
coroner, on making investigation,  
deemed an inquest unnecessary.

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## FAMILY ROWS IN ONTARIO

Settled by Scores in Detroit  
Divorce Courts—Some  
Startling Facts.

Much Soiled Linen Lugged over  
from Windsor Because Mar-  
riages are Not Made  
Public.

Detroit, Feb. 15.—Four new divorce  
cases were started in the Wayne cir-  
cuit court yesterday, and in two of  
these—Ida Mae Miner vs. Fred S. Min-  
er and Charlotte Nichols vs. William  
J. Nichols—the marriage was solemn-  
ized in Windsor, Ont.

Mrs. Miner finds herself an appli-  
cant for divorce honors before she has  
been wedded a year. The marriage,  
according to her bill, occurred March  
2, 1903, by the Rev. Edward Boving-  
ton. She alleges that Frederick Min-  
er has repeatedly threatened her life  
and as recently as yesterday, she  
charges he assaulted her. The separa-  
tion and her application for di-  
vorce followed at once.

Alleged cruelty is also the basis of  
Mrs. Nichols' bill. She charges that  
on Feb. 9 Nichols assaulted her, so vi-  
olently that she has been under the  
care of a physician ever since. They  
were married in Windsor in July, 1899.  
There are two children.

Among the more conspicuous of the  
Windsor marriages which terminated in  
the divorce courts of Wayne county in  
1903 was that of James F. Heintz-  
man and Louise Betsinger, both of  
Essex. Rev. Mr. Hind, of Sandwich,  
Ont., started them on their voyage of  
matrimonial squabbles in 1902. The  
mother of Heintzman appeared before  
Judge Donovan and asked to have the  
marriage annulled on the ground that  
her son was not competent at that  
time to enter into a marriage con-  
tract. Rev. Mr. Hind was a witness  
in the case. He said he noticed nothing  
wrong with the groom except that  
he looked him straight in the eye.

When Heintzman obtained his li-  
cense to wed, he refused to give his  
mother's name and the space was left  
blank. Rev. Mr. Hind said that he  
had noticed that violation of the law,  
but such things were ordinary occur-  
rences. He often married couples  
who refused to fill out certain re-  
quirements of the license as the law  
distinctly provides.

The judge was quite shocked when  
informed by Rev. Mr. Hind that he  
performed in the course of a year  
200 or more marriages and expressed  
a tart opinion. Rev. Mr. Hind said  
that he was entirely within the  
law in the matter.

One day last summer Judge Frazer  
heard four cases. All had entered  
into the state of wedded bliss in  
Windsor. Judge Rohrer in one day  
heard four cases. Three of them  
were Windsor marriages. One of  
these cases was that of Lyle vs. Zia-  
talman. Tallman testified that  
she swore at him and refused to  
give him an alcohol bath while he was  
lying ill.

**WINDSOR MAGISTRATE ROASTS  
ONTARIO LAW**

"We have an example before us of  
the fault of our law," said Magistrate  
Bartlett, in referring to the case of  
Joseph Cedar, convicted of bigamy.  
"This poor fellow was lured on to  
commit the crime of taking a second  
wife, partly through ignorance and  
partly because he believed his second  
marriage would not be found out."

"We have many such cases, and I  
believe it is because of the fact that  
marriages can more easily be sup-  
pressed in Windsor than couples come  
from Michigan to be married here."

"I believe the press, and who-  
ever wishes, should be privileged to  
keep in touch with all the marriages  
performed by the clergy. The right  
kind of marriage is honorable, and  
those who marry in such a way are  
leaving themselves open to suspicion  
and gossip. While there is probably  
not always dishonesty connected with  
such it is true that society should be  
protected at least. How can this be  
if people are not allowed to know  
which of their associates are wedded  
and in the matter?"

"I think the law could be improved  
much in respect to compelling mar-  
riages performed in Ontario to be im-  
mediately made public. While I have  
no sympathy with the divorce courts  
of Detroit, where such ruthless simul-  
crums of life-long pledged vows are  
made, still I believe that possibly our  
own law is somewhat to blame. If  
marriages in Ontario were always  
open, as I am led to believe marriages  
on the other side of the river are,  
it would prevent many youthful con-  
tracts. Often parents object, but how  
can they prevent matters when there  
is such a close haven for them to fly  
to and afterwards have their escapade  
suppressed. Yes, I think a decided  
improvement could be effected, and  
I would be only too glad to see some  
step taken in that respect."

**WAYNE RECORD TELLS SOME SAD  
TALES.**

Out of the 724 divorces commenced  
in the Wayne county circuit court  
during the year 1903 nearly one-sev-  
enth of them were contracted there.  
These unfortunate alliances were mar-  
ried in Windsor, Ont., or some other  
part of Essex county. Of these 724  
cases, 30 were withdrawn or otherwise  
disposed of and the rest were still  
pending on Jan. 1, of this year. When  
the figures are recalled that Wayne county,  
including Detroit, has a population  
that proportions at least 25 to 1,  
when compared with Essex county, the  
Ontario contribution to the year's  
business is better appreciated.

The actual number of suits com-  
menced by parties who had gotten  
into their difficulties by marrying in  
the modern Gretta Green, Essex Co.,  
was 103 and 80 of them were solemn-  
ized, if such a past participle may be  
applied to such hurry up and clande-  
stine marriages at Windsor. That city  
offers special inducements to those



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who are ashamed of what they are  
doing because it is impossible for  
those who make a business of publish-  
ing the news to get at the records.

A glance merely at the divorce re-  
cords at the county building here-  
fore to make the fact that the  
great majority of the marriages con-  
tracted across the Detroit river bear  
very recent dates. One knot in par-  
ticular, that of James H. Guest vs.  
Emma Guest, was tied Nov. 13, 1903.  
The bill for divorce was filed Nov.  
18, just five days afterwards. How-  
ever, this case was discontinued.

Of these 102 mis-mated couples,  
eight were married in Essex county  
during 1903; 15 were married in 1902;  
nine in 1901; and 16 in 1900. This in-  
dicates that nearly one-half of  
them not only married in haste, but  
also made great haste to repent.

**RECORDS ARE ELOQUENT.**

Those eloquent records show some-  
thing not very creditable to Ameri-  
cans or Canadians, in that 68 of the  
102 Essex county misalliances were  
contracted by people whose names are  
purely English. The balance is di-  
vided among the Germans, French, Irish,  
Scotch, Jewish and the Slavic races.

All kinds of grounds for divorce are  
alleged in the complaints, filed, but  
they are not of much value for statisti-  
cal purposes because it too often  
happens that the true reason for the  
divorce is not given at all. For in-  
stance the majority of complaints al-  
lege extreme cruelty, which is some-  
times only another way of saying  
that the defendant was not true to his  
marriage vows. However, the great  
number of allegations of desertion  
that are found point to a significant  
fact that needs no comment. They  
lead to the natural conclusion that  
some of them are nothing more or less  
than cases of seduction, for it appears  
on the surface at least, that the man  
simply married the girl relying on  
the fact that the marriage would not  
be published through the proper chan-  
nels and then deserted his wife within  
a very short time.

**STORY OF THE RECORDS.**  
One fact forces itself to the mind of  
any one who studies the records and  
that is that little children always, or  
at least almost always, acts as a  
deterrent to this pernicious divorce  
habit, and must have been a great  
reconciling force in many a family  
jar.

Of these mis-mated Essex county  
couples one of them has four children,  
three of them three children, five  
have two children, 27 have one child,  
and 66 have no children at all.

Of these 102 bills for divorce 45  
have already been granted, 53 are still  
pending, and six have been discon-  
tinued. In this connection it must  
be borne in mind that so far not a  
single application for the severing of  
the marriage tie has been refused, and  
that in all cases three months must  
elapse before a divorce is granted.  
So it may be safely predicted that  
nearly all of the cases pending will be  
cided in favor of one of the litigants.  
The plaintiffs in 73 of the cases are  
the wives, or nearly three-fourths of  
the whole number.

**ORDERED TO PAY HIS WIFE \$90.**  
Toronto, Feb. 15.—Isaac Platus, of  
Brooklyn, who has been here about  
two weeks, was in the circuit court  
this morning charged with non-sup-

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