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DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 685 to 736, inclusive, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

He said: Honourable senators, since from behind me I have just been asked as to where we stand in connection with these matters,

I think this is the appropriate time for me to make a statement to the house on the general statistics of our work in the committee.

The Commissioner, under the new act, commenced his hearings on January 7, 1964, and between that date and December 17, 1964, which honourable senators will recollect was the date of our adjournment for the Christmas vacation, the Senate Divorce Committee passed 736 of the Commissioner's findings.

On December 17, 1964, the Chairman of the Senate Divorce Committee had considered and approved a further 119 of the Commissioner's reports, making a total in all since January 7, 1964—which you will realize is a period of a year and two months—a total of 855 reports approved by the committee or by its Chairman.

I should explain that during the recess the reports of the Commissioner have come to me personally, and I have read them and marked my approval. They will be submitted to the committee itself on Thursday next for general approval.

Hon. Mr. Farris: Have any been rejected, overruled or turned down?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: That is hardly a fair question, for two reasons. In the first place, there has been the closest co-operation between the Commissioner and the Chairman of the committee, and while I have referred back, on my own responsibility, quite a large number of cases, there has been none of the 855 cases tried in which we, the Chairman and the Commissioner, have not reached a unanimous conclusion.

Hon. Mr. Farris: What is unfair about the question?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Because the word "rejection" seems objectionable. We have done our best not to reject cases. There have been cases—I cannot give you the number—which, when the evidence has been insufficient, we have actually rejected. But it is very seldom, and for two reasons. One is that the rules are very clear with regard to the evidence it is necessary to present, and those rules have been in existence now for a long time. The profession, in the Province of Quebec mostly, has become familiar with what will pass and what will not, and it is seldom now that counsel brings a case before us that is unacceptable. Sometimes the evidence is not sufficient. In quite a number of cases—and I can give you that number in a moment—now pending an adjournment is given for the purpose of presenting further evidence.

Over and above the 855 reports above mentioned, a further 50 petitions have been entertained by the Commissioner and adjourned