

*Divorce*

country; indeed, we are sometimes forced to the conclusion that many of them are secured through collusion between the principals; but until such time as we have an opportunity to consider all the aspects of divorce I feel I must oppose the amendment. We are dealing with human happiness, with human lives, and it is a question that should have our fullest consideration. The only question involved in the original motion is equality of the sexes. I cannot bring myself to believe that there should be one law for men and another for women in their marital relations, and therefore I shall support the bill.

Mr. O. R. GOULD (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the merits of the amendment offered by the hon. member for West York (Sir Henry Drayton) are such that it deserves a place of its own on the order paper; certainly it deserves a longer time for discussion than is possible at this particular stage. The bill proposed by the hon. member for West Calgary (Mr. Shaw) is for the purpose of placing the women of western Canada on an equal basis with their sisters in eastern Canada. The House has discussed the question from time to time and given it considerable study, and the majority of hon. members are, I believe, anxious to declare that the purpose of this bill should be given effect to. I do not wish to disparage the merits of the amendment, but until our sisters in western Canada are placed on a footing of equality with their sisters of eastern Canada we of the west are going to protest. Whatever penalties should be imposed in the way specified by the amendment, and whatever the arguments for or against divorce, may well be debated later on, but for the present I think the House should confine itself to dealing with the merits of the main motion.

The House divided on the amendment (Sir Henry Drayton) which was negatived on the following division:

**YEAS**

Messrs:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Baldwin,          | Denis (St. Denis),   |
| Baxter,           | Desaulniers,         |
| Beaubien,         | Descoteaux,          |
| Béland,           | Deslauriers,         |
| Benoit,           | Doucet,              |
| Bouchard,         | Drayton (Sir Henry), |
| Boucher,          | Duff,                |
| Brethen,          | Fafard,              |
| Cannon,           | Fiset (Sir Eugene),  |
| Cardin,           | Fontaine,            |
| Carmichael,       | Fortier,             |
| Carroll,          | Fournier,            |
| Casgrain,         | Gendron,             |
| Charters,         | Gervais,             |
| Déchène,          | Gordon,              |
| Delisle,          | Graham,              |
| Denis (Joliette), | Healy,               |

- Kyte,
- Lanctôt,
- Lapierre,
- Lapointe,
- Lovett,
- McGiverin,
- McQuarrie,
- Manion,
- Marcil (Bonaventure),
- Martell,
- Mercier,
- Michaud,
- Motherwell,
- Ouimet,
- Parent,

- Pelletier,
- Pouliot,
- Raymond,
- Rhéaume,
- Rinfret,
- Roberge,
- Robitaille,
- Ross (Simcoe),
- St. Père,
- Savard,
- Séguin,
- Tobin,
- Vien,
- Woods.—63.

**NAYS**

Messrs:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Anderson,                       | Logan,                  |
| Arthurs,                        | Lovie,                  |
| Bancroft,                       | Low,                    |
| Bird,                           | Lucas,                  |
| Black (Huron),                  | MacLaren,               |
| Black (Yukon),                  | Macphail (Miss),        |
| Bowen,                          | McBride,                |
| Boys,                           | McConica,               |
| Brown,                          | McDonald (Timiskaming), |
| Caldwell,                       | McKay,                  |
| Campbell,                       | McKillop,               |
| Church,                         | McMaster,               |
| Clark,                          | McTaggart,              |
| Clifford,                       | Millar,                 |
| Coote,                          | Milne,                  |
| Crerar,                         | Morrison,               |
| Davies,                         | Munro,                  |
| Diekie,                         | Murdoch,                |
| Duncan,                         | Neill,                  |
| Elliott (Dundas),               | Power,                  |
| Elliott (Waterloo),             | Preston,                |
| Euler,                          | Pritchard,              |
| Evans,                          | Putnam,                 |
| Fansher,                        | Rankin,                 |
| Findlay,                        | Reed,                   |
| Forke,                          | Ryckman,                |
| Forrester,                      | Sales,                  |
| Gardiner,                       | Senn,                   |
| Good,                           | Sexsmith,               |
| Gould,                          | Shaw,                   |
| Grimmer,                        | Sheard,                 |
| Halbert,                        | Simpson,                |
| Hammell,                        | Sinclair (Oxford),      |
| Hanna,                          | Snowball,               |
| Hanson,                         | Speakman,               |
| Harris,                         | Spence,                 |
| Hocken,                         | Spencer,                |
| Hodgins,                        | Stansell,               |
| Hoey,                           | Steedsmann,             |
| Hopkins,                        | Stevens,                |
| Hubbs,                          | Stewart (Argenteuil),   |
| Humphrey,                       | Stewart (Hamilton),     |
| Irvine,                         | Stewart (Humboldt),     |
| Jelliff,                        | Stewart (Leeds),        |
| Jones,                          | Stirling,               |
| Kelly,                          | Stork,                  |
| Kellner,                        | Sutherland,             |
| Kennedy (Edmonton),             | Thurston,               |
| Kennedy (Port Arthur & Kenora), | Wallace,                |
| King (Huron),                   | Ward,                   |
| King (Kootenay),                | Warner,                 |
| Leader,                         | Wilson,                 |
| Lewis,                          | Woodsworth.—106.        |

The House divided on the main motion (Mr. Shaw) which was agreed to on the following division: