

for what they have done without seeing the record. I want the record produced so that I may judge.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The difficulty is as to the principles that may have been laid down in connection with these judgments of the Board. Has Parliament declared that it would deprive itself of the right of appeal in these matters, or are these matters left to the sole discretion of that tribunal? I will inquire into the matter and see if there is any difficulty in producing the evidence.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I think, even though the law regards the decision of the Appeal Board as final, that that would not prevent any honourable gentleman asking for the record of the case. It would seem to me very peculiar if Parliament were to be deprived of information concerning any Department of the Government that it might desire.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I say that Parliament may have deprived itself of the right to review the decisions. We have deprived ourselves of the right to appoint part of our own staff; we have delegated that authority to the Civil Service Commission, and we have done it voluntarily. I have not looked at the Act to ascertain whether or not Parliament has declared that the door should be closed to any appeal. If there have been 100,000 or more cases reviewed by the Board, Parliament has perhaps felt that it would be unseemly for members of either branch to ask for a further review, or for a reversal of the decisions of that tribunal. I do not know. I simply make that reservation.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: But all that the honourable gentleman from Quebec (Hon. Mr. Tessier) seems to seek is an opportunity to inspect the record, and surely he should not be deprived of that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No; it is the production of the record.

DIVORCE BILL (ONTARIO)

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of Bill A, an Act to provide in the Province of Ontario for the dissolution and annulment of marriage.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, I have no intention whatever of making any speech in connection with this Bill. It was before the House last year and was passed, and the matter was very fully discussed then, at least by myself and some other members of the House.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has the honourable gentlemen stated what difference there is between this Bill and the Bill of last year?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: It is precisely the same Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I for one cannot give implicit assent to the second reading, and if a division is not to be taken I desire to place on record the fact that I am not voting for the Bill. If it is "carried on division", I am satisfied.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: That is what we did before, I think.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It can be carried on division. It was carried on division last year.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: That is correct.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: With the permission of the House I would ask that the third reading be given to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: We might as well take it now.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: With the consent of the House I would move the third reading of the Bill. If there is any objection—

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I object. Surely a Bill of such importance cannot pass three stages in one day, or two days.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I do not press it at all if there is any objection.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Does the honourable gentleman propose that it be sent to Committee?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: No, I had not so intended.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: It is proposed to pass over the committee stage?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: It has only one section.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Does the honourable gentleman move that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I understood my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) to say that he would let the third reading stand until next week.

Hon. Mr. STANFIELD: We may not meet next week.