

I would not have you think that all the economic disabilities of Nova Scotia are the fault of someone else. We ourselves must assume responsibility for some of them. We do assume that responsibility. However, we ask that those disabilities not of our own making be removed from us; that, unshackled, we may proceed to that place in the sun which is our proper destiny and from which vantage point we can make a more adequate contribution to a still greater Canada.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Reid: Honourable senators, may I be permitted to ask my honourable friend a question solely for the purpose of getting information? Does he know the number of hours or days the wise men of the Gordon Commission spent in and around Halifax before they put their fortune telling on paper?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Halifax North): I would not like to be explicit in an answer to that question, because I might do the commission an injustice. If I have already done them an injustice, I would not want to add to it.

Hon. Mr. Pratt: If I may be permitted, I think I can answer the question of my friend from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid). The preliminary report indicates that the hearings of the commission at St. John's Newfoundland took place on one day only; the Nova Scotia hearings, held at Halifax, took three days; and in all, the hearings for the four Maritime provinces occupied six days. Had these gentlemen spent longer in the Atlantic provinces they might not have felt as confident in the role of fortune tellers—to use my friend's expression.

Hon. Mr. Quinn: They were there long enough to arrive at more sensible conclusions.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Each one was equipped with a lead pencil and a pad.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Horner, the debate was adjourned.

DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT

BILLS—SECOND READINGS

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the second reading of the following bills:

Bill V-3, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Mabel Freestone Lachance.

Bill W-3, an Act for the relief of Marion Campbell Stewart.

Bill X-3, an Act for the relief of Jean MacRae Barnett.

Bill Y-3, an Act for the relief of Anita Roberge Fournier.

Bill Z-3, an Act for the relief of Louise Yvette Ruth Dumais Jacobson.

Bill A-4, an Act for the relief of Noella Jacques Primeau. (Annulment).

Bill B-4, an Act for the relief of Joan Perl Finfer Weber.

Bill C-4, an Act for the relief of Jacques Alfred LeGault.

Bill D-4, an Act for the relief of Rina Ciril Reich Nutovic.

Bill E-4, an Act for the relief of Harold Ernest Woodrow.

Bill F-4, an Act for the relief of Winnifred Matthews Forrester.

Bill G-4, an Act for the relief of Clara Price Kimmel.

Bill H-4, an Act for the relief of Margaret Nelson Sime Jackson.

Bill I-4, an Act for the relief of John Howard Burland Webb.

Bill J-4, an Act for the relief of Katharine Puobis Dynes.

Bill K-4, an Act for the relief of Edward Kotapski.

Bill L-4, an Act for the relief of Julija Rinkeviciute Strelis.

Bill M-4, an Act for the relief of Samuel Weniger.

Bill N-4, an Act for the relief of Marie-Yvette Laurette Petit Levesque.

Bill O-4, an Act for the relief of Lennard Gordon Spurrell.

Bill P-4, an Act for the relief of Marjorie Edwina Elizabeth Eke Stanley.

Bill Q-4, an Act for the relief of Joseph Jacques Robert Mackay.

Bill R-4, an Act for the relief of Sylvia Slutsky Steinhart.

Bill S-4, an Act for the relief of Margaret Frances Dearmond Bonner.

The motion was agreed to, and the bills were read the second time, on division.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Next sitting.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 12, at 8 p.m.