

Most of the churches which desire to be incorporated under this bill are located in western Canada. At the present time there are sixty-two of these churches in Canada, with total membership of more than 9,000. The breakdown by provinces is as follows:

| | Churches | Members |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Ontario | 7 | 714 |
| Manitoba | 8 | 2,074 |
| Saskatchewan | 18 | 1,450 |
| Alberta | 22 | 3,390 |
| British Columbia ... | 7 | 1,454 |

The Society has sixty foreign missions, chiefly in West Africa and Japan. It also has 307 women's missionary unions, with 8,600 members.

I know very little of this particular branch of the Baptist Church, having attended only one of its services. But I have some knowledge of its work, as I am acquainted with members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin, and the Bethany Baptist Church in Camrose, two of the charges asking to be incorporated under this bill. There are also churches in Edmonton and Calgary, as well as in eighteen other points in the province of Alberta.

There is, at the present time, a group of Baptist churches in the west, incorporated under the name "Baptist Union of Western Canada", but the group desiring incorporation under this bill is not affiliated with that body.

Honourable senators, if the bill receives second reading I will move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stambaugh, the bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

DIVORCE PETITIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CONCURRED IN

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce, Nos. 319 to 338, dealing with petitions for divorce.

Hon. Mr. Howden, for the chairman of the committee, moved that the reports be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to, on division.

DIVORCE BILLS SECOND READINGS

Hon. Mr. Howden, for the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the second reading of the following bills:

Bill T-11, an Act for the relief of Michele Grignon Ferguson.

Bill U-11, an Act for the relief of Emile Groulx.

Bill V-11, an Act for the relief of Doreen Jeannette Yvonne Sarah Mary Dorothy Sibley Cowans.

Bill W-11, an Act for the relief of Muriel Spencer Campbell.

Bill X-11, an Act for the relief of Yetta Frumkin Binder.

Bill Y-11, an Act for the relief of Vera Mary Drummond Stafford.

Bill Z-11, an Act for the relief of Alice Beatrice Cutler Murdoch.

Bill A-12, an Act for the relief of Maartje Stelling McLachlan.

Bill B-12, an Act for the relief of Wilfred Roy Fricker.

Bill C-12, an Act for the relief of Dorothy Adelaide Jorbahn Rosburg.

Bill D-12, an Act for the relief of Joseph Bernard Bertrand.

Bill E-12, an Act for the relief of Ann McKinnon Archibald Barnes.

Bill F-12, an Act for the relief of Joseph Gerard Arthur Valmore Tremblay.

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

THIRD READINGS

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

Hon. Mr. Howden: With leave, I move the third reading now.

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

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.