

## Private Bills

is presented is the evidence of a witness, a garage mechanic aged 33. There is no substantiating witness. I am very pleased to notice that in the other place we have a most aggressive member in the person of Senator Hodges from British Columbia. On page 16 of the evidence in the case she has this to say:

Personally I do not think any of that testimony contributes anything to the evidence we are looking for.

I should like to ask the house this question. What state of affairs are we coming to in the passage of these divorce cases? Have we now arrived at the stage where anyone in Canada wishing a divorce merely has to send a penny postcard to the parliament of Canada and say: "I hereby send notice that from this day forward I wish to be regarded as being divorced, and I wish to claim my rights as a citizen." I think it is going much too far when neither the petitioner nor the respondent has to appear and only one witness, a 33 year old person, who may or may not be the most reliable man on earth, is able to be responsible for the dissolution of a marriage. I wish to register my strong objection.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**An hon. Member:** On division.

Motion agreed to on division, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

## WESTERN GOSPEL MISSION

**Mr. Rene N. Juras (Provencher)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 190, to incorporate the Western Gospel Mission.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Juras:** Mr. Speaker, this organization is made up of representatives of a number of affiliated churches. They support clergy who conduct religious services in areas where no church exists or where the churches there do not cover the area adequately. When the local congregation has been fully established, that is, after they have repaid their financial obligation to the organization, the organization withdraws, leaving the new congregation to determine its own affairs and other affiliation, if any.

As you can see from the bill, Mr. Speaker, the head office of the organization is in Steinbach, Manitoba, which is one of the most progressive towns in my province. These people are well known throughout Canada for their love of peace and order. They hold very strong religious convictions and support their churches generously. This incorporation

is primarily for administrative purposes with respect to the temporal affairs of the organization.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

**Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 191, respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain wholly owned subsidiaries.

**Mr. Knowles:** This bill does not seem to be on our files.

**Mr. Green:** This bill has not yet been distributed. At least, I do not have a copy and none of my colleagues has.

**Mr. Knowles:** Neither have we.

**Mr. Green:** Therefore we are not prepared to go on with the debate today.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall it stand?

**Mr. McIlraith:** I know nothing about the distribution of the copies of the bill, but in view of the point that has been raised I suppose there is nothing to do but to let the bill stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Stands.

## QUEBEC NORTH SHORE AND LABRADOR RAILWAY COMPANY

The house in committee on Bill No. 148, respecting Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway Company—Mr. Brisson—Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Mr. Chairman, is the mover here to answer any questions?

**An hon. Member:** No.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Then I think we should rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. There seem to be a lot of the movers away this afternoon on bills we were prepared to go ahead with.

**Mr. Boisvert:** I think the hon. member for Saguenay has good reason to be absent from the house today.

Progress reported.

## HYDROCARBONS PIPELINE LIMITED

The house in committee on Bill No. 151, to incorporate Hydrocarbons Pipeline Limited—Mr. Weaver—Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

On clause 5—*Pipe lines legislation to apply.*

**The Chairman:** When the house resolved itself into committee of the whole earlier this