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Tentative Solution

A Joint Standing Committee on Divorce of both Houses
" " " " to have a referee of high
standing to receive the evidence in the presence of a King's Proctor
appointed by the Department of Justice to follow the trial

Referee to report to the
Standing Committee upon the essential facts, and the Committee would
pass upon it

Advantage - as in 9 cases out of 10 no defence is
offered - no need for the printing of the evidence, which in itself
constitutes scandalous literature. Evidence could be printed if
Committee desired

Argument for

Since in 6 provinces out of 9 one judge can
dissolve a marriage

The 2 Houses of Parl. would be justified in accepting
the finding of the referee and of its Committee as
a greater safeguard, if possible, than is offered
in a tribunal in the land composed of one judge

(See Suggestions. LaJoie's letter - Nov. 26)

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