

members of the private bills committee, who have from time to time to deal with divorce cases, to do so intelligently without the evidence before them; but there might be a provision that the distribution should be restricted to members of the committee, except in case of a division in the House, or something of that kind.

Sir LOMER GOUIN: This bill provides for restriction.

Mr. BOYS: That is publication in the newspapers. As a matter of fact, so far as my knowledge goes I have never seen very much publication in the newspapers. I believe that if any injury is done it occurs through the publication of about 450 copies of the petition, the evidence, and the various proceedings before the divorce committee; it is through the distribution of those proceedings that the damage is done. Therefore I would like the minister to take that into his consideration and see if something cannot be done to lessen the very undesirable publicity that is now given to such matters.

Sir LOMER GOUIN: I have no objection to study the question, but I think the House should allow this bill to pass.

Mr. MANION: I would like to say a word regarding this question. There is no doubt that my hon. friend for Simcoe (Mr. Boys) is correct in regard to the distribution of the evidence taken in the Senate. As one who has three young boys growing up I am very much displeased when I read in my evening paper something I do not wish to fall under their eyes at the present time. As one who has that thought in his head, and there must be many others who look at this thing in the same way, I believe this is a move in the right direction. While I am not in favour of "uplift" movements by restriction, at the same time I think the publication in the public press of divorce proceedings, which some papers unfortunately "play up" a bit, is not to the benefit of the people of this country.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

COLD STORAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL

House in committee on Bill No. 9, to amend the Cold Storage Act, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

[Mr. Boys.]

On section 2.—Repealed.

Mr. PARENT: May I ask the minister what the proposed contract in regard to cold storage warehouses consists of?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The form of contract is in the old act, it is rather a long document. As soon as the preliminary arrangements are made this contract is entered into.

Mr. PARENT: Do I understand that this measure is restricted to co-operative societies?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No.

Mr. PARENT: I would like an explanation from the minister.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Subsection 2 of section 1 was amended so as to include municipalities. As amended the bill will read:

The Governor in Council may enter into contracts with properly constituted co-operative societies, or associations, or municipalities.

The words "or municipalities" were inserted in the bill in the committee on Agriculture. The provision in the old act which granted subsidies to municipal cold storages is now extended so as to include co-operative associations and societies.

Mr. CHAPLIN: Will an ordinary business association operating under the Limited Liability Act, be able to avail themselves of this provision?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: That will depend in some measure on the object of the association. If the primary purpose is making profits, and it is tantamount to a profit institution, then the bill is not meant to apply to it, because it would then be in the same nature as it was at the outset. The former government changed the act so as to limit its application to municipal cold storages, but we are extending it to co-operative institutions and the vote in the estimates provides accordingly. There is only \$50,000 in the estimates for the construction of cold storage plants, and if we opened it to such institutions as described by my hon. friend, one plant would gobble up the whole of the appropriation. For the present our intention is not to make it apply to institutions described by my hon. friend, unless their primary object is to give service rather than to make profits.

Mr. CHAPLIN: If according to the minister's statement he has only provided \$50,000 and one private corporation could gobble up the whole of it, it stands to reason that one association such as he speaks of could gobble up the whole of it.