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Woodsworth Bill - Willoughby Bill - passed 3 times by Senate

- its purpose to give jurisdiction
to Ontario Courts

If rejected, or Ontario does not consent

Only alternatives (1) prlt. may decide as prlt. not to
entertain any petitions
for divorce

(may be altered from year to year)

(2) if not of that mind then keep one
avenue to be explored

The possibility of improving the procedure for a fair
and decent trial of those petitions, which will constantly grow
in numbers if safeguards are not applied.

If Commons maintains its attitude - as expressed by
rejection of bill of last session and desires to continue old
policy of granting divorces - suggest (before proceeding to
further petition) a committee of both Houses be appointed to
examine into the possible improvement of procedure.

Solution to be worked out by Joint Committee

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