

helpless people. It has become evident that under our constitution there must be joint action between the Federal and the Provincial Governments, if the best results are to be obtained. Is this joint action possible? It is demanded by the necessities of the case and in the interests of the country at large, for the protection of those who are grievously suffering from the present conditions of things.

These conditions it is claimed might be largely ameliorated by a strong Board, backed up by the Federal and Provincial Governments, and by the public press.

DIVORCE REFORM.

This branch of law is now well before the public and drastic changes will doubtless come into effect in this Dominion shortly.

In England legislation is, of course, in a much more advanced condition than in Canada; but there, also, amendments or at least changes in their divorce law are imminent.

These proposed changes are going before the British House of Parliament under Lord Buckmaster's bill which was based on the recommendation contained in the majority report of the Royal Commission in Divorce and Matrimonial causes.

The *Law Times* in a recent article refers to some of these changes expressing the view that permanent judicial separation should be abolished, as its effect is to bring about a *de facto*, but not a *de jure* divorce, with all its accompanying evils. Also that suits for restitution of conjugal rights should be done away with, as these proceedings are merely used by the well to do for the purpose of obtaining legal separation before the statutory period has expired. Further that the sexes should be placed upon absolute equality, so far as the grounds for divorce are concerned, there being no adequate reason why two persons who enter into matrimonial relationship should have a different standard of morality applied to them.

In speaking of the line for reform the above journal speaks as follows: "On purely secular grounds we are opposed to the creation of any new matrimonial offences but we strongly support an alteration of the law and procedure so as to give effective