

(Hon. Mr. Power), and I am sure we are all deeply indebted to him for giving us such a fine presentation.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators have all had the privilege of reading the reports of the committee's proceedings during the past two sessions, even if it was impossible for some to attend the meetings. The honourable senator from Gulf has refreshed our memories, and brought very strongly to our attention what the committee has already accomplished, what stands before it to be dealt with, and also the difficulties with which it is faced. I was quite impressed with his remarks regarding the control of privately owned property, and with his reminder that the question of property is essentially one for the provinces. Of course, the provinces, through the municipalities, have up to the present time controlled the exchange of real estate within the respective provincial boundaries. In practically every municipality there is a town planning board, which prevents a person from selling his property unless it is of a certain size, and unless it be used for certain purposes. That does prevent people from taking property and using it as freely as they might like to use it.

The honourable senator referred to a development that has taken place in many parts of Canada, namely, that much land which formerly was covered with trees has been laid bare. What concerns me greatly, and I hope the committee will go into this problem carefully, is the taking over of fine agricultural land by industry. I refer particularly to the Niagara district, which the honourable senator mentioned, and to nearby areas: for instance, the county of Halton, where there is excellent land for the growing of small fruits such as plums, peaches, pears and grapes, as well as strawberries and raspberries. This type of land is strictly limited in area. If one drives from Toronto, through Burlington and Hamilton, on to Niagara Falls, it will be found that a great proportion of that land has already been taken over for industrial purposes. Some may say, "Why shouldn't it be?" Well, all I can say is that we cannot have both fruit farming and industry conducted on the same land. As I have pointed out, town planning boards control what takes place within municipalities. It might have been possible to control the taking over of fruitland by industry, but already much of it has been transferred. The area of fruitland in Canada is not unlimited; on the contrary, it is very limited. I merely bring this to the attention of the house. It may be too late for our committee to look into the

matter, but there is still a considerable quantity of this land left and I feel that the question of whether it can be preserved for farming rather than used for industry should be considered. Factories can be built elsewhere than in the finest orchards of Canada, and I trust the committee will give close consideration to this very important question.

Motion agreed to.

DIVORCE

PETITIONS—LAST FILING DATE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, may I call attention to the fact that the time for filing petitions of divorce for consideration at the current session will expire on June 23. After that date petitions may be filed but they will not be heard until the next session.

BILLS—THIRD READINGS

Hon. Mr. Roebuck moved the third reading of the following bills:

Bill SD-28, for the relief of Therese Beau-doin Girard.

Bill SD-29, for the relief of Dorothy Elizabeth Nairn Anderson Bloodsworth.

Bill SD-30, for the relief of Anne Marie Mathilde Vautelet Gagnier.

Bill SD-31, for the relief of William Leonard Mugford.

Bill SD-32, for the relief of James Clancy.

Bill SD-33, for the relief of Marjorie June Gabrielson Trainor.

Bill SD-34, for the relief of Kathleen Mitchell Cabana.

Bill SD-35, for the relief of Fernande Leduc Clarke.

Bill SD-36, for the relief of Ann Westwater Murphy.

Bill SD-37, for the relief of Gaynor Jenkins Douglas.

Bill SD-38, for the relief of Roland Paquin.

Bill SD-39, for the relief of Jone Vanda Skakauskaite Kaniewski.

Bill SD-40, for the relief of Ivy Elizabeth Shaw Labbee.

Bill SD-41, for the relief of Constance Jean Backhouse Brayton Lapierre.

Bill SD-42, for the relief of Lisbet Schlosser Wisternitz.

Bill SD-43, for the relief of Virginia Marshall Staniforth.

Bill SD-44, for the relief of Elie Kouri.

Bill SD-45, for the relief of Margaret Stirling Izett Brown.