

conclusion than that the petitioner was entitled to a Bill of divorce. To put the case as briefly as possible, this couple were married and lived together, perhaps not under the happiest conditions, for ten years. At the end of ten years they separated. The point I wanted to make was that the father and the mother of the respondent had lived in their home for a certain length of time. When the mother heard that they had separated, she went to the home to take care of it. That led me to believe that the petitioner could not be the bad man that the hon. member for North Perth tries to make him out. The respondent herself admits, according to the evidence, that there was a time when she threw a plate of hot porridge over his head.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Awful!

Mr. THOBURN: There was another time when she could not get into the house as quickly as she wished, and she took her umbrella and smashed the window. These incidents would not lead you to believe that she was as good-tempered as the hon. member would have us suppose.

The whole question hinges upon the respondent resorting to a house which was proven beyond doubt to be a house of ill-fame. No one could come to any other conclusion after reading that evidence than that it was a house of ill-fame.

Mr. MORPHY: A dressmaking shop.

Mr. THOBURN: I think it ill becomes learned members of this House, members of the Bar, to throw slurs upon the actions of the detectives of this country. But I am going to eliminate the evidence of the detectives altogether. And then what do you find? Two merchants, one living in the same building that this woman occupied, and another right opposite, what is their evidence? That it was a house of ill-fame. What was the evidence of the plain-clothes detective, not paid by Mr. Gordon himself, not paid by anybody that I know of? The evidence of the detective was that it was a house of ill-fame. I say that this has been established beyond a doubt. The evidence has not been denied by the respondent that she frequented that house on several occasions in the middle of the night and remained there an hour and a half or two hours and a half. Will the hon. member for North Perth tell me—

Mr. MORPHY: A dressmaking shop.

Mr. THOBURN: Dressmaking? A woman going to a house with another man in the

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middle of the night under the guise of going to a dressmaking establishment? I am astonished at a man of the standing of the hon. member for North Perth trying to make hon. members swallow such gush as that.

An hon. MEMBER: He meant night dresses.

Mr. THOBURN: It might have been night dresses. That is acknowledged by the respondent. Take the other occasion when they went to this house, the insurance building. What do they go to the insurance building in the middle of the night, in the middle of the month of February for? An umbrella! In that building, behind locked doors according to the evidence—will you tell me what a man and a woman were doing in that building in the middle of the night, behind locked doors, looking for an umbrella? Consult the meteorological records for that month and you will find that on the very night they were there for the umbrella it was several degrees below zero. It is not necessary for me to go any further. Everything I have said is borne out by the evidence as printed, and if time would permit I would quote evidence to support every statement I have made.

Motion agreed to and House went into committee on the Bill, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Mr. GRAHAM: I move that the committee rise.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: I second the motion.

Mr. NORTHRUP: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. GRAHAM: No discussion on the motion that the committee rise.

The CHAIRMAN: The motion is not debatable.

Motion agreed to on division, yeas 18, nays 15.

The committee accordingly rose without reporting.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS' INCORPORATION.

THIRD READING OF BILL.

The House in committee on Bill 131 (from the Senate,) to incorporate the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Mr. BRADBURY: The Bill before the House is one applied for by the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada. This is one of the oldest organizations in Canada, having