

Divorce:

Not a question of principle that settled
and practice based on it prevailing
but a question of procedure
OR
method (1) Act of parliament
(2) By Court procedure and decree

Several provinces have divorce courts 6 (?)
Ontario and Quebec - none
Most petitions for divorce in prlt. from Ontario
Prlt. exists for public business - not private

Agreed

Obtaining of divorce should be made more difficult rather
than easier
"divorce as dispensed by the Senate is a
travesty on justice"

If we have to deal with an evil, then deal with it in a
decent way
Not have a body that is purely legislative deal in a
haphazard hit-and-miss manner with a problem that
is purely judicial
Physically impossible for Senate Committee to deal
decently with divorce

For evils of divorce by Prlt. see Journal editorial
March 6, 1930

Belief in courts for this reason
publicity, power to grant alimony
to protect children

If Prlt. is to continue to grant divorces
Some new method must be found
(1) Our concern is with business of country

If Prlt. not to entertain petitions, then petitioners
must go elsewhere
desirable therefore some provision made to
relieve prlt. of time taken for hearing
divorce petitions and of ensuring more

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