

PARLIAMENT is only well away from its last session and already there are notices in the Canada Gazette of application for eleven bills of divorce. By the time parliament meets there will probably be as many more. Why should these applications not be sent to the Judge of the Exchequer Court at Ottawa and be disposed of as they came up during the course of the year? Parliament has no business to deal with such cases, even aside from the enormous cost of procuring an act of parliament. A case was mooted last session and everybody was talking of it, but it could not for some reason be disposed of then, and now the advertisement has to appear in several issues of the official Gazette and all the preliminaries and routine applicable to bills must be gone through, while the wronged person justly entitled to a remedy, is cozened out of the legal redress for more than a year. It will be the middle of next summer before the bill will receive the "royal" assent and become law. With a court the cost would be very much less and the decrees would have been issued long before this. What is true in this respect of one case is true of scores of others. What is to hinder the Province of Ontario from establishing a divorce court? Other provinces have these courts. Ontario must be at liberty to do so as much as New Brunswick or British Columbia.

M WITTE (pronounced Veetay) cabled the Czar Aug. 29 that peace between Japan and Russia had been established. The great war opened Feb. 8, 1904.

IN an address to the electors of the federal constituency of West Assiniboia Mr. Walter Scott, M.P., announces his intention of resigning his seat in the House of Commons, which he has held for five years and acceding to the unanimous request of a representative convention representing the Liberal party of the new province of Saskatchewan to act as their leader. He states that since his election in 1900 the Northwest problems then existing as bones of contention in the field of federal affairs have practically all been solved. Questions of grain inspection, patenting of

railway land grants, the matter of mal-administration of town sites, and the granting of autonomy to the Northwest Territories have all been disposed of, as well as important measures affecting the transportation problem, and Mr. Scott adds that the competing lines of the Canadian Northern will reach Prince Albert and Edmonton this autumn and Regina probably next year, under contract with the government as regards rates. Judging by the whole record Mr. Scott has discharged his trust faithfully and with satisfaction to the people he represents. He is certain to be called upon by the new Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Mr. Forget, to form the first government of the new province. The job could not fall into better hands.

SOME of the Ontario daily papers are giving space to a discussion of the question, how can we tell a Liberal paper? We should think by the same token that you would tell a Conservative paper. A paper that booms the Conservative leaders and party, that "heads up" Conservative meetings and Dandonald incidents, that holds Gamey to be a patriot and R. L. Borden a statesman of the first rank, that claims there is a political conspiracy to "destroy" Mr. Haultain because he, too, is a patriot, that steadily criticizes and opposes the Liberal party, especially at election times—such a paper would be thought to be a Conservative paper. The Huntingdon Glacier, the text for the discussion, has always been opposed to the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and has been in opposition to the Liberal government at Ottawa ever since it was formed. It has been especially vindictive in its pursuit of Sir Richard Cartwright. It contributed to the defeat last fall of one of the finest Liberal representatives of the Eastern Townships ever sent to Parliament. How would it do to term Hon. Geo. E. Foster a Liberal just because he was one many years ago, or R. L. Borden? The London Standard was a strong anti-Chamberlain paper before it was purchased a few months ago by new proprietors, but no one would dream of terming it an anti-Chamberlain paper now.