

In addition to broadening the grounds for divorce, married women deserted by their husbands will be given access to the courts on equality with men. Decrees as to alimony or maintenance, the division of marital property and the custody of and access to children will become possible, coincident with decrees of divorce as ancillary to divorce. Decrees of judicial separation will be uniform within the jurisdiction of the courts in all Provinces. The law with respect to collusion and condonation will be clarified, and access to the assistance of the courts will be more readily available when the County Courts are given concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme or Superior Courts in matrimonial causes and matters.

It has been the effort of your Committee to make the law of divorce and related matters more in accordance with the needs of the people, more humane and at the same time more practical.

While this first part of your Committee's Report contains its recommendations concisely stated, a reading of the following parts is respectfully urged upon those who would understand your Committee's thinking and reasons therefor.