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*WANTED, A DIVORCE COURT.**To the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL.*

SIR,—Ontario practitioners are frequently consulted in a matter in which they are compelled to advise that there is practically no remedy for a great wrong, notwithstanding the legal maxim to the contrary. A man or woman may be the victim of a cruel wrong in their matrimonial relations for which the courts of the country afford no redress, and to which they must submit with what grace or patience they can muster, unless, perchance, they possess a thousand dollars or so with which to promote a bill of divorce in the Senate, or abjure their country and take up their residence in the neighboring republic, where they can in the course of time obtain a remedy far from satisfactory and complete. It is scarcely necessary to say that I refer to the circumstances that we have not in Ontario (and some of the other provinces as well), any Divorce Court or other legal tribunal empowered to grant divorces.

The most curious feature about this state of affairs is that it should exist at all. One is at loss to know why we should have not years ago adopted the law of the mother country in this, as we have done in most other matters. Or if it was not desirable to institute a Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes the ordinary courts of the land could and should have been empowered to grant relief against wrongs of this description as they do in all others.

It is abundantly clear that the present state of affairs promotes immorality, while a cheap divorce, grantable only for adultery would check it. The immoral husband or wife knows that he or she can sin with practical impunity, and is unrestricted in his or her evil tendencies. The injured one generally suffers in silence knowing there is no remedy without a very long purse. Sometimes a separation is insisted on. But this is as far as they can go. Neither is at liberty to contract another matrimonial connection, and each is subject to the increased temptations of the situation. Not infrequently this results in the formation of irregular and adulterous connections.

It is illogical too that the right to divorce should be acknowledged to exist in favor of the wealthy while it is virtually denied to