

Q. Of making the presence of venereal disease an impediment to marriage, if it is possible?—A. Yes.

Q. And there is no doubt in your mind that the profession generally would be of the same opinion?—A. I rather think so.

Q. So that you think the idea of this legislation is a good one?—A. Yes.

Q. And might well be followed up, to the physical advantage of the community?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, Doctor Starr, in the name of the Committee I beg to express to you our very high appreciation of your illuminating evidence.

Q. You see, doctor, that when Parliament proposes our Committee all disappear, they are non-existent, and anything that we could do at the end has to be done before Parliament proposes, which may be this coming Saturday week, though we cannot tell; but anything we do must be done pretty suddenly?—A. Well, it is not done this session we could see that it is done another day or two, or perhaps in next session, but it is not done this session. Q. But we have to report back this Bill. By the Chairman: I think you would do well to report back this Bill. Q. What would you think, doctor, of sending you the minutes of proceedings of this Committee, a sufficient number of copies for you to transmit to the different provincial organizations?—A. I should not think so. Q. I think it would be a matter of about an hour to read it all through; or would you rather think that in the report made to the Senate by this Committee we should summarize?—A. I think perhaps it would be better to summarize. Committee, as you know, sometimes get tired, and if you would send a summary and let me have about thirty copies, I think that would be best. Q. You are of opinion that without the full co-operation of the medical profession throughout the country a statute, whatever it is, in this connection would be a dead letter?—A. I am afraid it would be. Q. I think it has also been the experience in Wisconsin that in the first place they had not taken the trouble to secure the co-operation of the medical profession, and it was only a few years after that the profession came around, and then they made a survey, as it were, of the medical men of the State, and secured from them an opinion and a very large proportion answered that the law was working very satisfactorily, this is the law which is now in operation that requires only a medical examination?—A. Yes, sir, that is right. Hon. Mr. DAVENPORT: And only among the males? The CHAIRMAN: Only among the males, yes, sir, but not among the females. Q. Doctor, you are quite in keeping with the idea of the Bill?—A. Yes, the principle is good.