

for adjudication or further evidence. That is the answer to your question, senator. That means that we have tried nearly 1,000 cases since January 7, 1964, bearing in mind there are some that have some details to be cleared up.

Petitions not contested and ready for trial number 300 or thereabouts. Contested cases ready for trial number 48. Of that total of 348 cases, 6 contested and 57 uncontested have been listed for hearing up to date.

It now takes about six months only from the date of filing of the petition for the case to be heard and passed by this chamber. So we are caught right up on the backlog, which answers the question asked by Senator Burchill.

No one has any grounds now for complaint at the long delays that had been so prevalent in the past. I am very pleased indeed at the efficiency, skill, knowledge and wisdom of our Commissioner, and above all, the spirit of co-operation between himself and the committee, chiefly as represented by its chairman. It has been very satisfactory, and I am under the impression that he has achieved a fine reputation in the district from which he comes and from which most of the cases arise.

Motion agreed.

CANADA PENSION PLAN BILL

THIRD REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE TABLED

Hon. Muriel McQ. Fergusson, Joint Chairman of the Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to consider Bill C-136, to establish a comprehensive program of old age pensions and supplementary benefits in Canada payable to and in respect of contributors, tabled the third report of the committee.

MOTION TO PRINT AS APPENDIX TO
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Mrs. Fergusson moved, with leave of the Senate, that the third report of the Joint Committee be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

Motion agreed to.

CANADA COUNCIL

NAME, DATE OF APPOINTMENT AND
QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESIDENT—
INQUIRY ANSWERED

On the Notice of Inquiry of Hon. Mr. Pouliot:

1. What is the name of the Chairman of the Canada Council and on what date was he appointed?

2. Is he a man of letters? If so, what are the titles of his books and where and when have they been published?

3. Is he a painter? If so, in what city and when did his first exhibition take place?

4. Is he a sculptor? If so, to what school does he belong and where were his works exposed?

5. Is he a musician? If so, what instrument does he play?

6. In what cities and on what dates were his concerts given?

7. Does he make any records and if so where can these be bought?

8. Is he a chartered accountant or an auditor? If so, what degrees does he hold and by whom were they granted?

9. What was his occupation, calling or his profession, prior to his appointment?

10. If he is neither a man of letters, a painter, a sculptor, a musician, nor a chartered accountant, why has he been appointed in preference to an artist?

Hon. John J. Connolly: The answer to the honourable senator's inquiry is as follows:

1. Jean Martineau was appointed Chairman of the Canada Council by Order in Council (P.C./732) on May 14th, 1964, for a term of five years expiring May 18th, 1969.

2. No.

3. No.

4. No.

5. No.

6. See answer to 5.

7. No.

8. No.

9. Lawyer, Queen's Counsel, and business man.

10. In accordance with the recommendations of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences (The Massey Commission), the Canada Council is as much concerned with the humanities and social sciences as it is with the arts. The Chairman of the Council thus requires great breadth of knowledge and depth of experience, coupled with administrative ability. The Government is satisfied that Mr. Martineau is very well qualified to conduct this wide-ranging enterprise.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ACT

BILL TO AMEND—ORDER FOR SECOND
READING STANDS

On the Order:

Second reading of Bill S-16, intituled:
"An Act to amend the Marriage and