

moral act, but theft would not cease to be immoral or contrary to the law of God which the Christian Church is bound to teach and maintain, even though temporal rulers may refuse any help of a coercive nature to compel its observance.

Looking through the Dominion statutes for the years 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910, we gather the following results:—

In 1907 five divorces were granted—four on the application of the husband, and one on the application of a wife. Three applications were from Ontario, one from Quebec, and one from Manitoba.

In 1908 seven divorces were granted—two on the application of husbands, and five on the application of wives. Six applications were from Ontario, and one from Saskatchewan.

In 1909 fourteen divorces were granted—eight on the application of husbands, and six on the application of wives. Seven applications were from Ontario, three from Quebec, two from Saskatchewan, and two from Manitoba.

In 1910 twenty divorces were granted—twelve on the application of husbands, and eight on the application of wives. Fourteen applications were from Ontario, three from Manitoba, two from Quebec and one from Saskatchewan.

In each year the Province of Quebec occupies the honourable position of furnishing the fewest number of divorces in proportion to its population. The steady growth of applications from Ontario is not a very creditable thing to that province.

These statistics do not cover all the divorces granted in Canada, because, as we have said, in some of the provinces provincial divorce courts, deriving their origin from pre-Confederation days still exist, but probably the total number of divorces granted by those courts would not add very materially to the above list.

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The views expressed in the above article are those generally held by the ecclesiastical authorities of the Church of England, and still more strongly by those of the Church of Rome. There are no questions connected with our social system more important than those relating to marriage and divorce, and there are