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The Honorable C. W. Cross, K.C.,  
Attorney General,  
Edmonton, Alta.

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Dear Sir:-

Board v. Board

This is an application to the Supreme Court of Alberta for a decree of divorce, and the Respondent, Mary Board, has made a motion asking that the petition be dismissed on the ground that the Supreme Court of Alberta has no jurisdiction to entertain it. The application came before the Honorable Mr. Justice Walsh, who, in view of ~~the~~ very great importance, referred it to the Appellate Division and argument will be heard by the Appeal Court on Tuesday next.

A similar case, Walker vs Walker, was recently argued in Manitoba and is reported in a recent number of the Western Weekly Reports. In the Manitoba case the Attorney General of Manitoba appointed counsel to argue the Respondent's case, apparently because the matter is one of such very great public importance.

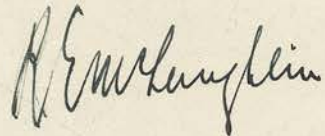
In this case, the Respondent is a woman absolutely without means and therefore is not in a position to employ counsel. The firm of Baldwin & McLaren of Vegreville, act

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for her and they have asked me to assist them on the argument; but I think that in view of the public importance of the question, and in view of the fact that the Respondent is without means, your Department should name counsel as was done in the Manitoba case.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. E. McLoughlin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Yours very truly,".

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