

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, March 6th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S
SISTER BILL.

FIRST READING.

HON. MR. ALMON introduced Bill (U) "An Act to amend the Act respecting Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister."

He said: The object of this Bill is, whereas a man is now allowed to marry his deceased wife's sister, that he may be allowed to marry his deceased wife's sister's daughter.

The Bill was read the first time.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BILL.

THIRD READING.

The Order of the Day being called—, Third reading of Bill (C) "An Act respecting the Department of Mining and Natural History."

HON. MR. ABBOTT said: I understand from my hon. friend that at the third reading of this Bill it was expected that some slight changes would be needed to meet the suggestions of persons interested in this Survey and in the business connected with it, with reference to two subjects, but mainly as to the name which is to be given to this new Department, and as to the position of the scientific gentlemen who do the original scientific work and investigation connected with it. It was thought that these gentlemen did require some consideration, as their functions are quite different from those of an ordinary clerk in a Department. That subject has received the careful consideration of the Government. The question of name also, though resting more upon sentiment than anything else, appeared to deserve attention. The Geological Survey of Canada is the first systematic and permanent Geological Survey in the world, I believe, except that of England, and the name has by its antiquity acquired a sort of historical interest which those connected with the Survey very naturally and very properly desire to preserve. I do not think anything conduces more to the effi-

ciency of the public service than to keep up the *esprit de corps* and the interest in its success of those concerned in it; and for that reason, that question appeared also to deserve careful consideration, and it has received it. I propose now, before reading the Bill a third time, to ask the House to amend the Bill in these two particulars. I propose to preserve the original name and call it the Department of the Geological Survey. I propose to give to those employes of this Survey who are engaged in original scientific work of investigation the rank or class of technical officers, which is provided for by the Civil Service Act. I do not propose to introduce anything new. The Civil Service Act provides for such a class of civil servants, and it is proposed to give to those persons who are engaged in original scientific work in this Department the position in Class B, under the Civil Service Act, of technical officers. For that purpose, I move that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, for further consideration.

The motion was agreed to.

(In the Committee.)

HON. MR. ABBOTT said: I move to strike out section 9. This clause was inserted because it was in the original Act authorizing this Survey, but since that period the requirements of the laws with regard to railway companies have been made much more stringent; and now a copy or duplicate of every map and plan of every railway is deposited in the Department of Railways; and it is very seldom that such maps or plans are required, because they do not suit the requirements of the Geological Survey as a rule. They merely indicate the route and the adjoining lots. They are of no value for the purposes of this Survey; the making of them involves a great deal of labor, and they are very voluminous. This clause has never been acted upon; but at all events, if these maps are required there is one Department of the Government which will be in possession of a duplicate of them; and it is considered unnecessary to impose upon the railway companies the additional trouble and expense of procuring a third copy of their maps and plans. I therefore move to strike out the clause.

The motion was agreed to.