

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (C) "An Act respecting the Department of Geology, Mining and Natural History." (Mr. Abbott.)

Bill (D) "An Act respecting Commercial Fertilizers." (Mr. Abbott.)

The Senate adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, February 4th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 8:30 p. m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR.

HON. EDWARD MURPHY was introduced, and having taken the oath of office and signed the roll, took his seat.

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Bill (E), "An Act for the better securing the safety of certain fishermen." (Mr. Power.)

Bill (F), "An Act respecting offences relating to the Law of Marriage." (Mr. Macdonald, B. C.)

THE LATE SENATOR RODIER.

HON. MR. SMITH—I much regret that it falls to my lot, in the absence of the leader of this House, to announce the death of the late Senator Rodier. I am sure that you will all regret exceedingly, as I do, the loss of our esteemed colleague.

L'HON. M. PAQUET: Je concours de tout cœur dans les observations, si justes et si bien méritées, de l'honorable membre pour l'Ontario qui m'a précédé. Nos rangs dans cette chambre se sont éclaircis une fois de plus, et la mort vient de nous enlever encore un bon citoyen.

L'honorable M. Rodier était la personnification de tout ce qu'un travail opiniâtre peut opérer, de ce qu'une conduite exemplaire peut créer d'estime et de respect, et de ce qu'une foi sincère peut produire d'exemples à imiter et pour la famille et pour la société. Je m'associe donc aux regrets de toute la chambre et je remercie vivement l'éloquent interprète de notre douleur commune.

The Senate adjourned at 9 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, February 5th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

READING PETITIONS.

THE SPEAKER having called for the reading of petitions,—

HON. MR. MILLER said: The reading of these petitions is out of order. It is the custom of the House that one sitting day should intervene between the presenting and the reading of a petition. These petitions were only presented yesterday, and in the case of the divorce petitions especially, I think it is highly improper to allow any departure from the strict rules. Four of these petitions are for divorces, and they were only presented yesterday. I do not know that we have any rule of this House on the subject, but the practice is as I have stated it, and it is also the practice of the House of Lords. In the absence of any rule of our own, we are governed by the practice of the House of Lords. I find in the little Manual by Mr. Lemoine the following: "Petitions.—One sitting day must intervene between the presentation and the reading of a petition." Certainly one day has not intervened in this case, and, as I have already said, in the case of the divorce petitions it is highly improper that any departure from the strict practice should be sanctioned or countenanced.

The reading of the petitions was allowed to stand until to-morrow.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. SMITH moved the second reading of Bill (C), "An Act respecting the Department of Geology, Mining and Natural History." He said: In the absence of our worthy leader, I would suggest that this Bill be read the second time now and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next, with the understanding that nobody will be committed to the principle of the Bill. By Tuesday next we may have the leader of the House