

entious regard for the responsibility of our duties here.

Senator Jaffray's long and useful life is now ended; but his activities and his uncompromisingly conscientious devotion to duty in everything he undertook will remain with us as an inspiration to the faithful discharge of our duties here.

I join also with those of you on the other side of this Chamber in deploring the loss sustained in the death of our good and highly valued friend, Senator Kirchhoffer, and I endorse in all sincerity all that has been said respecting him. He was a fine type of an Irish gentleman, and of a good Canadian citizen. He was a useful member of the Senate, and occupied an important place in the committees work, being chairman of one important committee for many years. His bright and cheery manner earned for him many friends who now sorrow over his loss, and I extend our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Kirchhoffer and the family who survive him.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, March 1, at 8 o'clock p.m.

THE SENATE.

Monday, March 1, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eight o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

POLLUTION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved the second reading of Bill (B), An Act respecting the Pollution of Navigable Waters.

He said: I assume that hon. gentlemen do not expect me to make any observations on this Bill. For three consecutive sessions this measure has received the consideration of the Senate, and has been passed unanimously on each occasion. Events, I think have demonstrated the necessity and urgency of a measure of this sort. Every member of this House realizes that the Senate has never passed a more opportune or better piece of legislation than this Bill. Like old wine, this measure is improving with age.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—I move that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—In my opinion all public Bills should be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not see why the hon. member in charge of the Bill should not be at liberty to name his committee. A measure of this kind, which contains important details, can be better considered in a small committee than in the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Is it in the same form as the Bill introduced last year?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—It is the same Bill.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—It is absolutely a public Bill, and it should be considered by the Committee of the Whole House. It has been the practice of the Senate in the past to refer similar measures to the Committee of the Whole, but we have strayed from the right path on many occasions, and I have protested against it. I do not think it is right for any public Bill to be referred to any special committee.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—To what committee was this measure referred on the former occasion? Probably we might pursue the same course as was adopted when the measure was considered by this House before.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—My hon. friend has stated the general rule, that a public Bill goes to the Committee of the Whole, but we know that there are occasions when it would be in the interests of a Bill to have it considered by a special committee, and we have followed that course very often.

The SPEAKER—It is in the hands of the hon. member promoting the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—I am in the hands of the House. It is immaterial to me whether this measure is referred to the Committee on Public Health, or the Committee of the Whole House. I shall adhere to my motion that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.