

"Nothing, however, in the preceding provisions shall be interpreted so as to diminish or affect in any manner the present rights of the chief justice of the superior court.

"2. This Act shall not affect the rights and powers, under the Act 47 Victoria, chapter 7, of the senior judge now in office and shall apply only to his successor in that office.

"3. This Act shall come into force upon proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council."

The legislation of 1884 (47 Vic., chap. 7) limited the choice which the Federal Government might make in the matter of the *senior* only of the judges of Quebec or of Montreal, according to the case; the legislation of 1887 (50 Vic. chap. 12) left the executive power perfectly free in its choice.

But the latter legislation according to its tenor, could only come into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Now, such proclamation never having been issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and never having taken place, the legislation of 1887 (50 Vic. chap 12) has not yet come into force.

And that he will inquire:—

1. When did Sir François Langelier receive from the Federal Government his appointment as Assistant Chief Justice with instructions to fulfil the duties of Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec in and for the district of Quebec, as it is comprised and defined for the Court of Review?

2. When Sir François Langelier was thus called upon to fulfil these determinate functions, who was then and who is still to-day the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec?

3. Has Sir François Langelier been, at any time before, at, or since his appointment on the 6th June, 1906, the *senior* of the judges of the district of Quebec? functions, who was then and who is still to-day the Chief Justice of the Superior Court?

5. Why has the senior of the judges of the Superior Court of the district of Quebec not been appointed to the place in preference to Judge Langelier in conformity with the requirements of the law?

6. Is it the intention of the Government to make that appointment regularly and legally, either by appointing the *senior* of the judges who has a right thereto, or by causing the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Province of Quebec to issue the proclamation necessary for putting in force the legislation of 1887?