

many other countries. They do not have an age for retiring ; 75 is the age I would give. Remember this, as soon as evolution ceases involution begins. That is the law of animated nature. There are exceptions here, but exceptional cases should not determine the matter. Some of our members remind me of the reply Jacob gave to Pharaoh, when he asked him how old he was : 'The days of my pilgrimage on this earth are 130 years.' I believe there are gentlemen in this House who will be able to say that when the time comes. A senator was appointed the other day in the United States, one of the ablest men in America, Albert Pinckney White, at the age of 83. Gorman and Pettus, the senators from Alabama, are aged respectively 82 and 83 years. Look at the number of gentlemen here who are too modest to tell their age, but they are phenomenal. If you allow senators to retire at 75, that would give a large percentage of men who would retire, and thus would not bring about any trouble or irritation in the country. These I think are all the remarks I have to make with reference to a remedy for the improvement of this Chamber. I trust I have been actuated by the sentiments which the able and accomplished gentleman who introduced this subject had in view. I think he put it forward with the idea of getting the opinion of every senator, and there is not a member of this House that ought not to stand up, if the time and weather permit, and give his opinion, and thus you would have a sheaf of opinions that would be worth a great deal and give the people an idea of what the Senate is and requires. In conclusion let me say to your own selves be true. Remember a stream cannot rise any higher or be any purer than its source, and if the individual senators are actuated here by sentiments of honour and honesty and by a desire for truth, which we are all aiming at, I do not think there is any doubt about this Senate having a long reign such as it has at present, going on from victory to victory until some future premier will canonize it.

At six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

#### After Recess.

Hon. Mr. KERR (Cobourg) moved the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow. The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN.

#### FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill (161) An Act to incorporate the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company.—(Hon. Mr. Kerr, Toronto.)

Bill (129) An Act to incorporate the Sovereign Trust Company.—(Hon. Mr. Ferguson.)

Bill (130) An Act respecting the Grand Valley Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Coffey.)

Bill (131) An Act respecting the Royal Bank of Canada.—(Hon. Mr. McKay, Truro.)

Bill (140) An Act respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Wilson.)

Bill (183) An Act to incorporate the Twelve Mile Power Company, Ltd.—(Hon. Mr. Kerr, Cobourg.)

#### BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (206) An Act to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

#### REVILLON BROS. BILL.

##### AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

The order of the day being called :

Consideration of the amendments made by the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to (Bill 76) An Act respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited.—(Hon. Mr. Coffey.)

Hon. Mr. COFFEY—The promoters of this Bill are quite satisfied that in its present shape, as amended by the leader of the government, it would be of no use whatever to the company. It would restrict their business to unorganized territory. This they consider would be a very great disadvantage ; in fact they could not carry on their business at all. What they want is permission to initiate business in the unorganized territories and send it to the provinces and through the provinces, to the posts which they have organized. I do not think it is the intention of the company—in fact I am sure it not the intention that they shall go into the post office business. What they want is, if they transmit letters through the unorganized territory to receive permission to send those letters to their various posts in the provinces. The same way with express, telephone, and telegraph business. They want to have the same advantage as the other companies doing business in the province. That is, they want to be placed on the same footing as the ex-