

following out the lines of the English Companies Act and the Ontario Act, which I hold in my hand. This measure requires companies which are incorporated by Parliament, to file a list of their shareholders with the Secretary of State so that anybody can see the names on making application.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—In the same manner as the banks?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—Very much the same. It is to enable anybody who is buying stock in one of these companies to ascertain who his partners are. In England you pay a shilling for permission to look at a list of shareholders, or you can get a copy of the list by paying a certain fee. That provision has never been thought of here.

The Bill was read the first time.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (B), An Act respecting the Pollution of Navigable Waters.—Hon. Mr. Belcourt.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE SIR FRANCOIS LANGELIER.

MOTION.

The SPEAKER—Following the precedent laid down in May, 1911, it is moved by the Hon. Mr. Loughheed, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bostock, that the hon. the Speaker of the Senate, the Hon. Messrs. Shehyn, Choquette, Tessier, and Casgrain be appointed to attend as representatives of the Senate at the obsequies of the late Sir François Langelier, late Lieutenant Governor of the province of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY—I would like the Hon. Speaker to add the name of Senator Godbout (Beauce) to that list.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I would like to make a suggestion on behalf of the province of Quebec. Sir François Langelier was one of our best public servants for nearly forty-five years past. He served not only the interest of the people of his own race, but he was a kindly, genial man all round, and served the interests of the different nationalities in that province. His death, of course, had been expected for some time, but he has left on the records of the province of Quebec many evidences of his usefulness that cannot be wiped out. He was a kindly and good-hearted man; he was mayor of the city of Quebec for many, many years; one of the most prominent men in

the House of Commons for a large number of years; he was also chief justice of his province for years; capable, always willing to serve his country in the best direction, and never upon racial or religious lines. He was a man of peace and conciliation. I suppose it is a matter of forgetfulness, rather than of neglect, that the English speaking minority of the province of Quebec is not represented in the list named by the Speaker. I, therefore, on behalf of the minority of the province of Quebec, suggest that the names of the hon. senator MacKay (Alma) be added to the list. Sir François Langelier was much appreciated in life, and his death will be very much deplored.

The SPEAKER—Those names will be added to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Thursday, February 11, 1915.

The SPEAKER (Hon. Mr. Bolduc, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Landry) took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

ABSENCE OF SENATOR ROBERTSON.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It was decided at the meeting of the special committee on Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, sitting this afternoon, that a letter be sent to Hon. Mr. Robertson, Prince Edward Island, asking him to give reasons why he has not attended the sittings of this House for two sessions. I do not know whether the action taken will be referred to this House, but I should like to know whether that letter is to go direct from the committee, or whether it must be ordered by the House. This is a very serious matter, and I do not think the committee has any right to send such a letter. If I were Dr. Robertson I should ignore it. It is inhuman, undignified, and improper under the circumstances, to ask the hon. gentleman in his present condition, to give reasons why he has not attended the sittings of the Senate. I wish to know if that letter is to be sent without the full sanction of the Senate.