

courage the industries dealt with. Some municipalities were not in the position of the larger cities and towns, which had street railways, electric lighting, etc., and desired to obtain them. It might be to their interest if the Legislature should deal with their cases as deserving of special conditions. It was thought better, however, that the consideration of the recommendations of the assessment commission's report be deferred until the completed report was received. Corporations were entitled to a fair amount of justice with other people, and the Legislature would not be doing its duty in interfering with the rights of any class of the community. He repudiated most strongly the assertion that the Government was under any obligation, or in the hands or control of the corporations, directly or indirectly.

The bill was reported and the House adjourned at 7.10.

#### Unclaimed Balances.

The Legal Committee yesterday considered Mr. Carscallen's bill requiring building societies and loan corporations to return lists of all dividends and deposits in respect of which no transaction has taken place or interest paid for five years. Mr. Beverley Jones appeared on behalf of the loan corporations and urged that they object to the bill on the ground that it was making the business of their clients public property. The Attorney-General proposed that instead of the act being passed the desired result could be attained by a regulation of the department requiring loan corporations to make similar returns to the Registrar, who would notify the depositors of their rights. On the question being put to the committee it was determined that the suggestion of the Attorney-General was the better of the two.

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