

37. This act shall come into force on a date to be fixed ^{Coming into} by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, ^{force.} published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

CHAP. 61

An Act to amend the Quebec Companies' Act

[Assented to 9th February, 1918]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Any contract filed with the Provincial Secretary ^{Validation} before the coming into force of this act, shall be deemed to ^{of filing of} have been filed in accordance with the provisions of ^{certain} paragraph 1 of article 6036 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, ^{contracts.} even though such contract was filed after the time mentioned in the said paragraph.

2. This act shall not affect pending cases.

Pending cases.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Coming into} sanction. ^{force.}

CHAP. 62

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting special provisions in regard to certain companies and corporations

[Assented to 9th February, 1918]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The following subsection and article are inserted ^{R. S., 6119e,} in the Revised Statutes, 1909, after article 6119d, as ^{enacted.} enacted by the act 4 George V, chapter 51, section 1, to wit:

“§ 5.—*Powers of certain companies respecting the composition of the Board of Directors*

Special provision re directorate of companies for forest fire protection.

“**6119e.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any company incorporated under the Quebec Companies’ Act and whose principal object is the protection of the forest in the Province or in certain parts of the Province, against fire, may by by-law provide that the Minister of Lands and Forests, or such person as he may from time to time designate, shall be a member *ex officio* of its board of directors, and that the other members, or some of the other members of its board of directors, instead of being elected at the general meeting of the shareholders, may be appointed, one by each other company incorporated under the same act for similar purposes and holding, in its own name or in the name of one or more trustees, one or more shares therein; and it shall not be necessary that such trustee have the qualifications required by article 6064 to be a member of the board of directors.”

Coming into force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 63

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting electric telephone companies

[Assented to 9th February, 1918]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 6265a and 6265b, enacted.

1. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 6265 thereof, the following:

Penalty for operators, &c., divulging purport of conversations over telephone lines.

“**6265a.** Every operator or other person in the employ of an electric telephone company, who listens to or acquires knowledge of any conversation or message that is being carried on by means of the apparatus of such company, and who, except when lawfully authorized or directed so to do, divulges the purport or substance of such conversation or message, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars recoverable by suit in a competent court by any person suing therefor his own name, or, in default of payment of such penalty, to imprisonment for a period not