

extending my congratulations to the opposite side of the House as well as to the House itself upon the selection of my hon. friend from Middlesex to fill the office which was vacated through the lamented death of Sir Richard Cartwright. The office of leader, especially under the favourable conditions enjoyed by my hon. friend on the opposite side, affords a scope for the ability, the industry and the parliamentary knowledge and experience gained by my hon. friend during the period in which he has filled so large a space in the public life of this Dominion. My personal relations, and in fact, the relations of every hon. gentleman in this House, with the hon. leader of the opposition have been of the most pleasant and friendly character, and I feel assured in saying they will so continue.

His public activities in this Chamber since he became a member have placed us under obligations to him for the many valuable contributions which he has made to our debates and deliberations. In fact his public expressions upon nearly, if not all, the great public questions of the day have been so closely in harmony with hon. gentlemen who now preferably sit to the right of the Speaker, that we have regarded him as somewhat of a teacher in our own Conservative Israel and it is to be hoped that my hon. friends on the opposite side of the House may through their close association with him as their leader share to a like extent the views held by my hon. friend on the many questions upon which he has made a public pronouncement.

I would take the liberty of expressing on my own behalf, and on behalf of my hon. friends who are with me on this side of the House, the hope that he may be spared many years to discharge the important duties of the office in which he now finds himself placed, and further, to express the assurance that there will be pleasurably extended to him the courtesy from this side of the House to which his office and person are entitled, and a continuance of those pleasant relations and that esteem which we have always entertained for him.

I have much pleasure in joining with my hon. friend, the leader of the opposi-

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tion, in congratulating the mover and seconder of the address upon the manner in which they have discharged this onerous duty.

I think it might be said without any reflection upon this Chamber that it does not furnish the inspiring atmosphere for speech making that is to be found in the House of Commons. My hon. friends who have come to the Senate from the political intensity and zeal of the lower Chamber to the deliberateness of this, may find it a little depressing for a time in working up to that legislative activity which I hope will always animate them. I feel sure that the abilities shown by my hon. friends, the mover and seconder of the address, will prove a valuable acquisition to the debating talent of this Chamber, and furthermore, that this ability will be enlisted in the transaction of the important public duties which from session to session we are called upon to discharge.

His Royal Highness in the speech from the Throne makes reference to his extended visit through the various provinces of the Dominion during the late recess.

This visit of Their Royal Highnesses was a matter of much satisfaction and gratification not only to the wide area of territory visited, but the whole Dominion. It is a matter upon which the people of Canada may congratulate themselves and the country that in His Royal Highness we have a Governor General who is animated by the deepest sense of duty in discharging the high duties of the Vice Regal office. Speaking with some personal knowledge of the effect and influence of their visit to the western provinces of Canada I am pleased to say it produced, especially amongst the large foreign population settling in the west, a deep impression of the respect and homage felt by the people of Canada not only for the Royal Family, but for the Throne and the unity of the empire, so well represented in the person of the Governor General. This visit was and will be productive of an unusual publicity being given to the illimitable resources and immeasurable possibilities of Canada. So important was it considered by the press of Great Britain that it was attended by special correspondents of some of the great London papers,