

THE LATE SENATOR BOURINOT.

MOTION.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—When the House adjourned yesterday I was not aware that the funeral of our late colleague, Mr. John Bourinot, was fixed for to-day at 4 o'clock or I should not have asked the House to meet, but that it be adjourned over until to-morrow. It is true that we are engaged in considering the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, but nevertheless I think we shall not be misunderstood in any quarter if we take an opportunity to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of our late colleague. Of late years the custom has fallen into disuetude on the deaths which happen every session, unfortunately, amongst the Members of the Senate; but I think when I ask the adjournment of the House under the present circumstances I shall be pardoned for saying a few words in memory of the late Mr. Bourinot. I have had the happiness of knowing Mr. Bourinot since 1867, when he was first called to this House, and there are many hon. gentlemen who come from his own province who have known him much longer. Ever since the year 1867 we have had the advantage of his assistance in this House, and on the Committees, of which he was a useful member, and I am sure we will all bear testimony to the courtesy, kindness, and genial character of the deceased Senator. I think every one of us will say that he was in every respect a thorough gentleman, anxious to consider the feelings and interests of others, and while vindicating his own opinions in this House was always anxious to deal courteously with those whose views were opposed to his. That has been his constant character in this House, and I am sure we shall all long cherish his good qualities and his many kindnesses of head and heart, and the constant assistance we have had from him in the Senate. In his courtesies of private life there was a genial hospitality constantly evinced here from session to session, and those who have had the advantage of sharing in his hospitality will long remember it. I do not know anyone who has passed away from us that will leave a more kindly remembrance than our deceased colleague, and I take the oppor-

tunity of saying these few words in remembrance of a friend whose memory we shall long cherish.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I entirely approve of the course taken by the hon. leader of the Government on this melancholy occasion. I have not myself had the pleasure of knowing the late Mr. Bourinot as long nor as intimately as the hon. Senator who has just spoken, but the opinion I have gathered of him is quite in harmony with that expressed by my hon. friend opposite. He was open, frank, impulsive if you will, but it always seemed to me that his line of action was prompted by a high sense of duty and of honor. He was essentially a gentleman in every respect, warm, earnest, and true. I, with others, was very deeply pained at his sudden death, taking place as it did, at the very threshold of the scene of his duties. I desire to add my tribute of respect for his memory, and convey to his family the deep sympathy of those of his colleagues who remain behind him.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I am unwilling that this motion should pass without expressing my satisfaction at the course the Government has adopted on this occasion. I regard that course as a fitting tribute to the many genial qualities of my deceased friend, and as, in a great measure, a fitting recognition of the exertions which he has constantly made as a public man for the good of his country, and more especially for the interests of the Island whence he came. Indeed, justice to Cape Breton seems to have been the key-note of his parliamentary life, and I trust that his exertions may be followed hereafter by benefits to that Island which he loved so well. Having been associated with the late Mr. Bourinot in the Legislature of Nova Scotia and in the Parliament of Canada for now upwards of a quarter of a century, I can cordially endorse the observations that have just been made, and can appreciate, as I have no doubt those who remain after him will appreciate, the kindly sympathy that has been expressed here. We all respect his memory and we all deplore his loss.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I can say nothing more than what has already been