

nize the changes which have taken place in his time; and in those changes he himself bore a useful part in his own section of the country. It is not a matter of gratification to say of any man simply that he witnessed the prosperity of a country, but it is just praise to say that he aided in bringing it about; and our late colleague as a farmer, in the interest he took in agriculture, in the eminent position he constantly occupied as a citizen, filled that active and useful part which, combined with the similar exertions of individuals all over the country, have brought about that prosperity we now witness. He had in his own district long rendered valuable service as Warden of the county and Treasurer. He had distinguished himself in the promotion of the railway which leads from Cobourg to the interior of the country, and exerted himself, to good purpose, in connection with that most useful institution, the Savings Bank of the County of Northumberland; in all the duties of citizenship he discharged thoroughly and manfully the functions assigned him, ever displaying a laudable anxiety to participate in those enterprises and in that struggle, incessantly in progress, which have brought the country to its present stage of advancement and prosperity. I believe that in discharging the important duties of his station Mr. Burnham did not spare himself, in energies, time or means—that in the promotion of public undertakings, he has always been forward and zealous, and in the wane of life, in enjoying that respect which his part throughout entitled him to, his reward was but fitly given. He seemed to have acted throughout his life upon the rule suggested by an old English writer:

“Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want and wish thy kindly presence still,”

I am sure that in Northumberland, where they knew him, such has long been the feeling, and that they will say “they want and wish his kindly presence still.” (Applause.) I feel I am but giving expression to the feelings of every one who hears me, when I propose, out of respect to his memory, that the House do now adjourn. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. FLEINT, in a few kindly and felicitous remarks, paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased, recalling his virtues, and relating some of the experiences of his fatal illness.

The Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE said — In

seconding the motion of my hon. friend, the leader of the Government, I wish to add a few words to those so fitly spoken by him in reference to the worth of our departed friend. I have long had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Burnham somewhat intimately. We entered Parliament together in 1857, and since that time have been associated together very intimately in connection with the Board of Agriculture of the Province of Ontario. Mr. Burnham was a very quiet, unobtrusive man — a man whose qualities of head and heart entitled him to the respect of all who knew him. He was a faithful public servant, always, and fearlessly doing his duty according to his own heart's convictions. I can bear testimony to what has been said by the hon. leader of the Government. Mr. Burnham has borne a very active and leading part in promoting the agricultural interests of this Province. His services at the Board were of a truly valuable character; and when he ceased to be a member, we all felt we had lost a most efficient assistant and co-worker. And now that we miss his presence in this Chamber and in the Committee Rooms of the House, we cannot but feel his absence is a great loss to the country. I trust that the suddenness of his death will be compensated by the kind care of a merciful Providence, to his family, now bereaved of their head, and that it will be felt as an additional lesson as to the brevity and uncertainty of life. I have every satisfaction in seconding the motion of my hon. friend. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said, as one of the members from Lower Canada and a representative of them all on this occasion, he joined most sincerely in the sentiments expressed by hon. gentlemen, with regard to the loss of their late respected colleague. He thought there was no hon. gentleman present who did not share these feelings of sorrow, as well as regard for his sterling qualities. He deserved high commendation for his services to the country, and all must approve the happy style and the hearty manner in which the Hon. Postmaster General had referred to them. He [Mr. Letellier de St. Just] could but unite with the hon. members who had preceded him, in testifying to the merits of the lamented deceased, and in casting an humble flower on his grave. It was unnecessary to speak at length, or do more than express, in the feeble language he employed, his high sense of the excellence of their departed friend, and of the loss the country had sustained. [Applause].

The House then adjourned.