

the province from which he came. I therefore respond (as far as I can and under circumstances which prevent me from continuing the subject) to what has been said in his memory. I thank hon. gentlemen on both sides for the kind opinions they have expressed, and I trust that they will be some balm to the feelings of those that he left behind in his native province.

Hon. Mr. WARK.—I ought not to allow this occasion to pass without joining in the expressions of regret at the decease of our late colleague. There is perhaps no man living who was so long connected with him in public life in one way or another as myself. It is true, as my hon. friend opposite has remarked, that he entered public life several years before I did. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1833, sixty years ago. I was connected with the House of Assembly in 1842, nine years after, and from that time down to the present we have seemed to run, as it were, together. After sitting in the House of Assembly eight years, I was appointed to the Legislative Council. That brought him and me into closer connection. It is true that we differed on most public matters, but there was one question on which we cordially united, and that was the union of the provinces. We both took a very deep interest in that and we both lent some assistance to the carrying out of the measure. When it was carried we both came here in 1867, and since that time we have stood together as representatives from the same province. He was a man of extensive information, especially on public matters, and I join cordially in everything that my hon. friend opposite has said with regard to his qualities. I may say in conclusion that the Government will find it difficult to find any one equal to him to take his place.

THE ADDRESS.

THE DEBATE (continued).

The Order of the Day being called "resuming the adjourned debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech, on the opening of the fourth session of the seventh Parliament."

Hon. Mr. BOWELL said—I have first to thank the leader of the Opposition for the courtesy extended to me yesterday, when I was labouring under a bronchial affection

which prevented me dealing as I should have liked to do, with the subject before the House. I will, however, in as brief a manner as possible, endeavour to reply to some of the observations made by the hon. gentleman. When the House adjourned I was on the point of referring to the trade of the country. My hon. friend, while acknowledging that it had progressed, and was greater in the aggregate last year than at any previous time, could not help using the expression that it was "not at all wonderful." When we reflect upon the financial and commercial depression in the different countries of the world at the present moment we have cause to be thankful that the trade of our country, both in its exports and in its imports, is so sound, and to claim that it is really wonderful we occupy as proud a position as we do to-day. The hon. gentleman said among other things that the principal increase had been in lumber and in animals. I admit the truth of that statement, but I think I am justified in repeating what I stated yesterday in reference to that mode of argument—that it is unfair to the country, unfair and misleading to ourselves, to pick out any particular article and base an argument upon it as to the progress, material or otherwise, of the country. We must take the trade as a whole, and if it shows a healthful increase it is an evidence, at least to that extent, that the Dominion as a whole is prospering. Now, on turning to the Trade and Navigation returns of last year, page 26, we find that the trade of 1893 consisted of the following items:—

Products of the mine.....	\$ 5,625,526
Products of the fisheries.....	8,941,357
Products of the forest.....	27,632,791
Animals and their products..	32,775,879
Agricultural products.....	27,093,195
Manufactures.....	8,487,271
Miscellaneous articles.....	392,327

Total.....\$110,948,346.

Coin and bullion.....	4,133,698
Estimated amount short at inland ports.....	3,482,308

(Grand total.....\$118,564,352)

The two former show a decrease as compared with the exports of the preceding year, but in the products of the forest there is an increase of about two and a quarter millions. Now, I wish the House and the country to pay particular attention to this fact: It has of late been the stalking-horse, so to speak, of all those who oppose the pre-