

of wide and extensive knowledge; he has travelled and had intercourse with the greatest statesmen in the world; he must see that not only must he be equal to his mother, but, if possible, inasmuch as he has had the training of his mother, that he will show to the people that he can come down to the humblest individual in his realm, and be the common father to the whole people of his empire.

The motion was agreed to.

DECEASED SENATORS.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I think it is due to the memory of members of the House who have recently departed this life, to say a word or two, as has been the practice in the past, and I desire to do so and follow my hon. friend who has just spoken in reference to some members with whom it was our good fortune, not only to be acquainted, but to be associated in this House for a number of years. I question whether there are any members of the House, or any citizens of the Dominion, who will be more missed from the family circle, and in the commercial and financial world than some members who formerly occupied seats in the Senate of Canada. I refer particularly to our late esteemed friend, Sir Frank Smith, and also to our friend who occupied a seat just behind me, the Hon. Mr. MacInnes, whose early life was spent in commercial pursuits, who was at one time, within my recollection, one of the merchant princes of Ontario, a man of energy, a man with more than ordinary ability. He conducted his business, until misfortune overtook him, in a manner that met the approval of those with whom he was acquainted. Every one with whom he came in contact knows that his mind was clear and practical upon any question which was before this Chamber, or in connection with the various enterprises in Canada with which he was connected. He was respected by all. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. When I refer to Sir Frank Smith, with whom it was my good fortune to be on as intimate terms, I think as any man whom I ever knew, I can say that in his private life and in his manner of treating his fellows, in every sense of the word, he was a prince of a man in every respect. I deplore his loss

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deeply as a personal friend. As a public man, I regard his death as a great loss to the community. Though, like many others in this new Dominion, he had not those early advantages which education gives to those placed in better circumstances, he overcame the difficulties which did not present themselves to others in that respect. He overcame them from the fact that he possessed a clear knowledge of what was right and avoided that which was wrong. He was a successful business man in every sense of the word. He rose to an eminence in the financial as well as in the commercial world that any and all of us might envy. He is a loss to the community. I do not think I need say more than to again express my regret that we have lost so many valuable men who occupied seats in this House. It is also a painful duty to refer to the loss, which I believe occurred to-day, of one of the oldest members of the House, a man of indomitable energy and great industry. It is true, he was a strong party man, like many of the rest of us, when dealing with party subjects, but we shall miss him very much. I refer now to the Hon. Mr. McKindsey, who was a member of the Senate for a great number of years, and while I can congratulate those who have been appointed to succeed them, we shall all long remember the good qualities of those who have passed away and the benefit they conferred on the country in the past. All will regret the loss of so many of those who formerly occupied prominent positions in the country, and influential positions in this House, but as my hon. friend said a few moments ago, it is the lot of all of us. It comes at some period of life, and as we advance in years, we may look forward, I suppose, to that period when we shall join the great majority. I can only hope that when we do depart this life, we may leave behind us records as good as those of our colleagues who have gone before us.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—My hon. friend opposite (Sir Mackenzie Bowell) and my hon. friend beside me (Mr. Scott) have been members of this House very much longer than I have been, and they are personally better acquainted with and better qualified to speak with regard to the hon. gentlemen who have recently departed than I am.