

Hon. Spencer Percival, Chancellor of the Exchequer, by the hand of a madman avenging a fancied private quarrel, and that of Mr. McGee by an enemy of his country, incensed by his victim's patriotic devotion, he mentioned the grant of the House of Commons of 50,000 pounds to Mr. Percival's family without one dissentient voice, and he believed that he did not go too far in expressing his opinion that this House would only be too ready to vote an additional sum of \$4,000 or \$5,000, or whatever amount might seem proper, to defray any immediate liabilities to which his family might be subjected. (Hear, hear.) The services of Mr. McGee did not end with his life, his pen having sown seeds of good to be reaped in for distant years. He suggested that the Government should collect and publish a complete edition of his works, presenting it to public libraries and literary institutions of the country, an undertaking not only likely to be most gratefully acknowledged by his family, but also of great profit to the community. He concluded by hoping that Mr. McGee's last words, "It is morning now," would prove prophetic of the dawn of an immortal fame.

Hon. Mr. Dorion thought the House might very well have been spared some of the observations which had fallen from the member for Saint John. His speech really seemed as if designed to invite opposition. When the honourable gentleman urged the adoption of these resolutions as a reward for Mr. McGee's services on behalf of Confederation, he seemed to forget that a considerable section of this House did not approve of that measure. The honourable gentleman knew that the sister Province adjacent to his own was unanimously opposed to it, and he thought the very last act of the honourable gentleman's own constituents should have imposed silence upon him in that respect.

Hon. Mr. Gray explained that he had not meant to urge these resolutions as a reward for Mr. McGee's services on behalf of Confederation. He had merely stated that, so far as he was personally concerned, he approved of his labours in that matter.

Hon. Mr. Dorion said he was perfectly satisfied with the honourable gentleman's explanation, without which his remarks would have been liable to misconstruction both inside and outside the House.

Hon. Mr. Chauveau (in French) cordially agreed with the suggestion of the honourable

member for Saint John. Mr. McGee had paid an hundred fold his debt to the country, and it was not too much to claim that the country should discharge any small obligations which encumbered his estate.

Mr. Mackenzie expressed his regret that anything should have been said of a nature to provoke discussion or opposition. He thought the Government had shown both liberality and prudence in the proposition they had offered, and he would have been glad if all parties had been content to leave the matter precisely as the Government had placed it. He regretted the general tenor of the speech of the member for Saint John; but for that he (Mr. Mackenzie) had intended to address some observations to the House which he now felt bound to withhold.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin said Mr. McGee had nothing to do but hold his tongue as to his convictions, and in all probability he would have been living now. In common with other gentlemen who had spoken, he hoped that if more could be done hereafter, it would be done. If the fact was, as he believed, that there was a very considerable amount of encumbrance hanging over the deceased statesman's family, then they should not be allowed to labour under.

The resolutions were adopted, and having been reported were concurred in by the House.

A Bill to provide for the widow and children of the late T. D. McGee was then introduced and read a first time.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

The House then again went into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply, the item of \$2,000 for expenses connected with the organization of the patent office was carried, also the item of \$5,185 for the registration department of Nova Scotia; on the latter there was a debate.

The item registration for Quebec, \$650, passed.

On the item \$34,000 for salaries of Immigration Office, rent and contingencies of do., helps, transportation of immigrants.

Mr. Jackson said it would be desirable that information should be afforded by the Government as to what they proposed to do towards aiding immigration, and whether in this matter they are working in unison with the Local Legislatures.

House rose at six o'clock.