

that last Session I there saw the Hon. Mr. Malhiot full of life and vigor. A few days of suffering have sufficed to prostrate him and lay him in the tomb. He is no more here, following with marked attention the proceedings of this House from the commencement to the closing of the Session. He has finished his course, and, in doing so, has fulfilled his duty, showing himself to have been in everything and everywhere an honorable and upright gentleman. His honorable colleagues to-day, with sad, though pleasing reminiscences, recall his memory. As a personal friend of the deceased, having been born in the same county, there is some consolation in the thought that upon me to-day has devolved the duty of pronouncing his eulogy.

It was then ordered that the House stand adjourned until Thursday next, 11th inst., at three, P.M.

Thursday, February 11, 1875.

The House met at three o'clock.

THE NEW POSTAL CONVENTION.

After routine business, including submission of several Notices of Motions,

HON. MR. CAMPBELL said:—Since the House was prorogued last year I believe a postal convention has been made between the Postmaster-General of the United States and Canada. It has been mentioned in the newspapers, and through the courtesy of the Hon. Postmaster-General of Canada, I have seen a copy of this convention, which is one that I think will result greatly to the advantage of this country. (Hear, hear.) I believe it has for its object the giving to us of all the advantages of the United States post offices at the rates of our own domestic postage, and the extension of similar privileges to the United States as regards our post offices. The change will be attended with this further fortunate result, that mails will go from one part of the Dominion to another through portions of the United States, in closed bags, free of charge, by the United States Post Office Department, and we extend the same

advantage to our neighbours. These arrangements will prove of very great benefit to each country. I am happy to give my testimony to the useful character of the ends thus accomplished, and it is with a view of placing the results before the House that I move for an Address to His Excellency, praying him to lay before this House copies of the Postal Convention recently made with the Postmaster-General of the United States by the Postmaster-General of Canada. (Hear, hear.)

HON. MR. WILSON seconded the Motion, which was carried.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER put the Questions of which he had given notice:—

Whether the Government are prepared to put into immediate operation the Act passed during last Session, for the prevention of the adulteration of Food and Drink; and whether any appointments have been made since the Act came into operation on the 1st of January last?

Whether arrangements have been made, or will be made, with the Food Analysts appointed under the Act, so that their services may be available to the public on payment of a small fee, as in similar Acts in Great Britain, so that information may be obtained by private individuals with regard to the quality of food offered for sale, or already sold, to aid the proper officers in carrying out prosecutions?

HON. MR. LETELLIER was understood to reply:—The Government is prepared to put into immediate operation the Act passed last Session. As to the appointment of any person under that Act, none has yet been made, but the matter is under the consideration of the Government, with a view to such appointments as may carry out, as far as possible, the intention of the Act. As to the latter portion of the Question, the Government is not quite ready to say they will go the length indicated, but they will strive to carry out the law in a way to prevent adulteration of food and drink, and to acquaint the public with any infractions for the purpose of warning.