

when I brought this subject to the notice of the House is no longer with us. He was carried to his rest. He was highly respected and held views similar to those which I have expressed to-day on this subject. Should such a precautionary measure prove to be absolutely beyond the powers of Parliament I do think, in the interests of all the Provinces, it is well worth the attention of the Government that power should be sought to deal with those diseases in the same way that they are dealt with in Great Britain. I would just make one more allusion to this; the bills of mortality in the metropolis of England frequently show perhaps one and sometimes not a single case of small-pox amongst the 4,000,000 of people in that great city; yet it is accessible to all the world; but whenever a case of small-pox does occur there instead of leaving it to fructify, as it unhappily does in some instances amongst ourselves, it is immediately isolated. I have mentioned this subject because I think it is one of great public importance—all important certainly to our Province because we have smarted from its infliction on several occasions. I have perhaps intruded too long on the House, observing as I did when I rose an apparent desire for a cessation of the debate, and thanking you for your kind attention I will close my address.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE moved that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Tuesday, March 2nd, 1886.

The SPEAKER took the chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (A) "An Act to make further provision respecting summary proceedings before justices and other magistrates. (Mr. Gowan.)

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE.

Bill (B) "An Act to make further provision respecting pawnbrokers. (Mr. Gowan.)

THE ADDRESS.

THE DEBATE CONTINUED.

The order of the day having been called,—Resuming adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bolduc, for an address to His Excellency the Governor General, in answer to His Excellency's Speech in opening the Fourth Session of the Fifth Parliament,—

HON. MR. BELLEROSE said:—When I heard the words which fell from the lips of His Excellency the Governor-General at the opening of the Session, I decided to take no part in the debate on the Address beyond registering my protest against the conduct of the administration which has continued from year to year during the past eight years, to systematically deprive the French minority of this Dominion of their constitutional right to have on the Treasury Benches in each of the two Chambers a Minister speaking their language. But the debate which has since taken place renders it necessary that I should speak. Last year the resolutions in reply to the Speech from the Throne were proposed in the House of Commons, as well as in the Senate, by gentlemen speaking the English language, in contravention of an arrangement made at the time of Confederation, and also contrary to the spirit of the constitution, which recognizes two official languages. This year the Government have found in the Senate one of my compatriots ready to defend its policy, but in the Commons I am well pleased to observe that the Government, has not been able to find a solitary member prepared to assume the responsibility of endorsing the present administration of the affairs of the country. In fact it ought to be difficult to find a Catholic, either French or Irish—to find even a patriotic English or Scotch Protestant, devoted to his country and possessed of that spirit of fair play which characterizes these powerful races—who would consent to share the burden which weighs so heavily on the shoulders of the Government of the day, and to wear the