

use such language as he has just used regarding the United States, namely, that the legislation of the United States was going to bring discredit on that country, I think it very unlikely that a President or any public man of the United States would return a visit from him. But we are congratulated on the fact that, while war is threatening the Old World and discredit the New World, we are above all affairs of war and discredit, and have only to attend to the ordinary business of the country. I am very glad to hear the announcement that at last we have a Reform Government with nothing to reform, and only the ordinary business of the country to carry on. I can cordially agree with my hon. friends, the mover and seconder of the Address in the language they have used with respect to the illustrious individual who now so worthily represents the Queen in this country, and who, to the regret of both sides of this House and those whom we represent, will not be much longer with us. His career in this country it would be presumptuous in me to speak of. I shall only say with respect to Their Excellencies that I quite agree that no language is too strong to convey my opinion and the opinions of the gentlemen forming the Opposition in this House, as well as the opinion of hon. gentlemen opposite, and the opinion of the whole country, as to the conduct of His Excellency the Governor-General since his arrival in this country. He will take with him the good wishes, the esteem, the regard and, I may say, the affection of the people of Canada; and, as he is a young man, and apparently a strong man, we may look forward with some expectation and hope that he will for many years in the ripe career that awaits him in the future, be our friend in the Parliament of England and in the counsels of the Empire; and not only a friend, but a friend who is acquainted with all the desires, all the wishes, requirements and resources of this country. He possesses, I am glad to know it, information that he has gathered from every Province in the Dominion, and I can only regret that he is taking that information away with him, and that when he visited

the various sections of this country, he did not have some of his Ministers with him, especially when he went far west to the Pacific slope, for there they might have obtained some information which I am sorry to say they are in need of at present. With regard to the arbitration clauses of the Washington Treaty, I am glad to know that that arbitration has been concluded, that an award has been made, and I have no doubt—unless hon. gentlemen opposite will inform us there is a doubt—the award will be carried out according to the terms of the Washington Treaty by the United States, and by the United States Government. We are congratulated, and we are called upon to congratulate His Excellency, that the exhibition of Canadian products at Sydney has been successfully carried out, and we are also called upon to thank His Excellency for informing us that preparations have been carried on during the last six months with regard to the Paris Exhibition. These are important clauses in one sense, and, although we are not told we are to get a report with respect to the Australian Exhibition, and although the Speech does not contain any promise that the papers will be brought down, I hope, notwithstanding there is a lack of promise, there will be abundant performance in the way of submitting the papers to the House. The success of the exhibition made by Canada at Paris is of very great importance, I believe, to the future of the Dominion. I believe there can be, and there ought to be, increasing commerce between France and Canada. It ought to be encouraged and assisted in every possible way, and I believe the exhibition of our products at Paris, if fairly and properly laid before the continental world, will be of great benefit to this country. I urge and implore the Government to consider well whom they have to represent there. I ask them to consider whether they should not select men of good manners without too much self-confidence, who will listen a little and be at all events civil to Canadian exhibitors and strangers who go to do their part in showing what Canada really is to the Parisian, French and European public. But