

intimately acquainted with, the hon. member from Prince Edward Island. I have no doubt that that hon. gentleman possessed all the qualities which my hon. friend has ascribed to him. We may differ, hon. gentlemen, in our view of public matters. We may be sometimes arrayed with some heat against each other on questions of great public moment. We differ: we may honestly differ on those questions, but when we come to discuss the character of men who are no longer with us, it would be indeed a most ungracious thing, if it were possible, to speak otherwise than kindly of those who can no longer appear in this chamber and speak on their own behalf. I am sure that those who are associated with me have none other than the most kindly recollection of both hon. gentlemen who have ceased to be members of this chamber since the last session. My hon. friend who is associated with me in the government, and who has been much longer a member of this House than I have been, of course knows the hon. gentleman from Prince Edward Island more intimately than I had the good fortune to know him.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—It is usual on occasions like this to allow the remarks of the leaders on both sides of the House to stand as expressions of opinion of hon. gentlemen generally, but I cannot allow this occasion, when reference has been made to a former colleague of my own in the provincial government of Prince Edward Island, and my colleague in this House, and a gentleman with whom I had been intimately associated privately and publicly for a very long time, to pass without adding my tribute of respect for his memory. The Hon. Mr. Arsenault was not a man of what we would call very brilliant abilities as a public man, but he had worth in a very great degree, very strong native worth. He was a man modest in his demeanour, tolerant in his views and loyal to his friends and his principles. My hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, spoke of him as though he had entered public life in Prince Edward Island in 1873 for the first time. In that respect my hon. friend was not correct. He entered public life in 1866, and he enjoyed the confidence of the same constituency for 29 years. In all the changes and vicissitudes of that length of time he retained the confidence of his constituents who comprised

English and French, Protestant and Catholic. He sat in the provincial government as a colleague of my own for 12 years. He was a member of two administrations before that time, and he enjoyed, as I have said, the respect of his opponents as well as of his political friends through the course of his long political life. He was a business man of the strictest integrity, and no man ever lived in Prince Edward Island who bore a fairer or more honourable name than the Hon. Joseph O. Arsenault. I regret that just at this moment the Acadian people of our province have lost both their representatives. The gentleman who represented them in the House of Commons died a very short time ago, and the hon. gentleman who represented these people in the Upper House has also died. I trust that the government will not lose any time in appointing a gentleman to fill the position that has been made vacant by the death of the Hon. Mr. Arsenault. It is rather unfortunate for a little province like ours, to have lost two of its nine representatives since last session. I trust the leader will carry out the promise he has been good enough to make, that these appointments will be made at a very early date.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, March 9th, 1898.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'Clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY STOCK.

INQUIRY WITHDRAWN.

The following notice of inquiries was called:

Has the Canadian Pacific Railway Company applied to the government for authority to increase its capital stock on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway under the authority of the Act of 1893, which requires the sanction of the government thereto? Has the government any knowledge of preference shares being issued under the authority of the same Act but which does not require the sanction of the government, or bonds being issued under the authority of