

anniversary of his 50th year the members of the Senate of that day were only too glad to attend a reception in his honour and congratulate him on the many services he had been able to render to his country. During the two months that on one occasion he filled the Chair of the Senate, now so worthily filled by yourself, Mr. Speaker, there was a unanimous feeling in this House that no one could have been fairer or more reasonable than he proved himself to be. A gentleman in every way, he inspired confidence in the Assembly that he presided over. His is a career to be pointed to as worthy of imitation by those younger than himself in this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—The echoes of the tribute paid to the memory of our late leader had scarcely died away when we heard of the death of my late friend and neighbour Senator Botsford. Living as we did for a long period of our lives, extending certainly over 60 years, within a few miles of each other, it is but natural that I should take this opportunity of paying at all events my tribute of respect to his memory by saying a few words. Born in 1804, our late friend, Mr. Botsford, came of good stock. His family was one of the oldest and most honoured in New Brunswick. His father was a judge of the Supreme Court of that province and his grandfather was one of the U. E. Loyalists who came to this country in consequence of the condition of affairs during the revolution and became the first Speaker of the first Legislature of the province of New Brunswick. His father was a speaker of that same House and it may be said that the son was literally born in the purple, so far as legislation is concerned, because that has been carried down in the family up to the present time through about a century and a quarter, and we may therefore speak of him as having been, in connection with his two immediate ancestors, born in the legislative purple. My hon. friend from Ottawa has paid a very proper tribute, and just what I might have expected from him, to the excellent qualities of Mr. Botsford. I am sure that no one who was with him, as he and I have been since the early days of confederation, could have spoken with greater propriety than he has with regard to the feeling of members on all sides of the House. Mr. Botsford was first called into public life in 1833—over 61 years ago now—to the Legis-

lative Council of his native province. He left that position in the year 1867, at the call of the Queen, to become a member of the Senate of the newly formed Confederation of Canada. In reference to the qualities which have been spoken of by my hon. friend, I would also like to ask the attention of the House to this fact, that those qualities seem to have been recognized by persons high in position a great many years ago. Many years before the majority of the members of this House entered into public life at all, over 50 years ago, Mr. Botsford acquired the confidence and, I may add, the friendship of three successive governors—the late Manners Sutton, Sir Edmund Head and Sir Arthur Gordon, since elevated to the peerage, who was a well-known scion of the family and a near relative of the present Governor of Canada. Mr. Botsford acquired their confidence, showing the integrity of the man and his high character wherever he was known, and he was on two or three occasions sent on confidential missions to Washington and to Quebec, especially during the time of Lord Durham. He was also a commissioner who was called upon to lay out the boundary between his native province and mine some fifty-six years ago. He was also called upon to lay out the boundaries, and was employed in that work some two or three years, between his native province of New Brunswick and the old province of Canada. I mention these facts to show the estimation in which he was held in his own country by his own people before he had got through the forties of his life. We have all known him so well that it is scarcely necessary to enlarge on the subject. Personally I dislike, as I am sure he would dislike to discuss such a matter at any greater length, but if I were asked what where his peculiar characteristics, I would say that Mr. Botsford had by sound observation and extensive reading become a fairly good constitutionalist and deeply acquainted with parliamentary practice, and we have had the benefit of his services in both these capacities. I say peace to his ashes, and may his example act upon even the youngest members of this House who were not, as I have been, among his contemporaries. May his example long remain, and may we always remember that such a man as Amos Edwin Botsford was one of the oldest members of the House, one who had always done his duty in the positions which he occupied and one who was always a credit to