

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, April 17th, 1887.

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There being no order on the paper the Senate adjourned at 3:15.

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THE ADDRESS.

HON. MR. MACCALLUM—In rising to move the resolutions in reply to His Excellency's gracious speech I crave the indulgence of this hon. House. Being a young member of this body, although not young in years, I feel some difficulty in rising to address you, knowing, as I do, that many of you have been years in public life; and that many of you had made your mark in the history of this country long before I had any idea of entering Parliament. It has been said by Lord Byron of the Duke of Wellington:—

Although your Grace's years tend fast to zero,

In fact your Grace is yet but a young hero. In fact I am only a young Senator, and I crave your indulgence while I make a few remarks on this occasion in moving the Address in reply to His Excellency's most gracious Speech.

His Excellency has been kind enough to congratulate us on the prosperity of the country. It is a great pleasure to know that Canada is prosperous. It is pleasure to know that peace and prosperity prevail throughout the land; that the working men of this country are well employed, that they are receiving a fair remuneration for their services, and by that means they are able to obtain

the comforts of life, and live in peace and prosperity. There is no country to-day on the face of the globe, as far as I know, in which the masses of the people are more happy and contented than they are in Canada. There is no place on the face of the globe where the people generally are better fed and better clad than in our Dominion. They are satisfied with the Government under which they live; they look for a bright future for the Dominion, and they are self-reliant, frugal, industrious and law-abiding, and they compare favorably with any people on the face of the earth.

I am sure we are willing to join in His Excellency's congratulations to Her Majesty on the fiftieth year of her ascension to the Throne. Her rule has been a great and glorious one all over the British Empire. She is beloved by all her subjects, no matter where their lot is cast. Hers has been a rule of progress, a rule of prosperity, and in no portion of the British Empire is that progress and prosperity more marked than in Canada. Fifty years ago the larger portion of this country was almost an untrodden wilderness; to-day it is a hive of industry. Fifty years ago we had no railways, no canals and a sparse population; to-day we have a country that is second to none on the globe. We have a soil that is equal to any under the canopy of heaven, and we have an industrious people for whom there is a great future. Her Majesty, as our constitutional ruler, has discharged all the duties pertaining to her high and exalted station to the satisfaction of her subjects, and if we look at her domestic life it is a model not only for the present but for future generations, either as a modest maiden, a model wife, a loving mother, or as a just Queen.

His Excellency has been kind enough to say to us that this country has taken a prominent position at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. There is no doubt at all that the stand taken by this country at that Exhibition will prove to be beneficial to the people of Canada. It has given us an opportunity of placing before the world samples of the products of our country, whether of the workshop, or of the loom; or the raw material of the field, the mine, the forest or the sea, and the more that this Dominion is