

and exports are concerned, but it must also be borne in mind that, although the trade of 1873 was very large and greater than at almost any other period, it was before the hon. gentleman opposite attained to office;—that the very moment he and his party began controlling the destinies of this country, it sank from \$217,575,510 in 1874, to \$153,455,682 in 1879; on being 64,109,828, during the five years they were in power. I do not know that it is necessary for me to point out that fact, but it is a fact, as proven by the Trade and Navigation returns. If the hon. gentleman had been a little more fair in dealing with this question, he would have dealt with it in the aggregate, and not selected any particular article, whether it be lumber or animals, to base an argument upon, to show that the country is not progressive, because the exportation of that particular article has decreased during a certain time. Let him take the trade of the whole country and then he can have a correct idea of what the advance has been during the last five or ten years.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—It is the intention of the Government to adjourn after Wednesday's sitting until the following Tuesday, but it has been suggested to me, and I think the suggestion is a very good one, that before recommending to the House the appointment of the different committees, I should give notice, after the adoption of the Address, of a reference of the rules as they were laid before the members of the last session of Parliament, to a committee of the whole House, in order that we may consider them fully, and then, after their adoption, appoint a committee to strike the committees and have our committees in the future based upon these rules. If that meets the views of hon. gentlemen, I give verbal notice now that I will to-morrow move that the rules be referred to a Committee of the House.

The Senate adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, 20th March, 1894.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayer and routine proceedings.

THE LATE SENATOR BOTSFORD,

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Before the Orders of the Day are called it is again my painful duty to call the attention of the House to the death of one of its oldest members, since our meeting yesterday, our old and esteemed friend Senator Botsford has been called to his long home. I do not know that any words from me are necessary in eulogy of the character of the departed gentleman. He was well known in this House, particularly to the older members, and I think I am not saying too much when I state that no man who ever sat in the Senate of Canada was more highly esteemed than the departed gentleman, Senator Botsford. He had occupied very prominent positions in the public service. He was twice Speaker of this House, and was on a number of commissions of very great importance, not only in his own country, but also to Washington, when difficulties arose between that great republic and the province of which he was a native. We shall all miss him. It is a warning to the whole of us, and I can only hope and pray that a like duty may not devolve upon me again for some time to come. Those who have occupied seats with the late Senator Botsford in the Senate of Canada, will be better able to speak to his merits and good qualities and his unswerving integrity, and his devoted patriotism than I can. I wish again to express my very deep regret at the loss sustained by the Senate and by the country of which he was a native.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I entirely concur in all that has fallen from the leader of this House in reference to the deceased gentleman. Mr. Botsford was a character peculiar to this country. Descended from United Empire Loyalist stock, he through a long life showed that he possessed the finest character that any man can possibly aspire to. Few men have been blessed with so long a life, few have been given so many opportunities as he possessed to serve his country. He held an important position in the public life for over 60 years. I remember on the