

large and wide powers, and I say that as guardians of the public interests of this country, the government should immediately take control and regulate all the rates and all the conditions pertaining to those public utilities, and I am very glad that the government propose to take this step. I do not know just what way it will be brought about, whether it will be placed under the control of the Railway Commission or dealt with in some other way, but at all events the end that is sought to be accomplished is one that I think ought to receive and will receive the hearty endorsement of the people of this country. The other measures are also of great importance. We have another problem to solve; that is the eternal struggle that is taking place between class and capital, for the privilege of exploiting the public. All these difficult questions we have to solve. Our progress may be slow and it may be difficult, but who will doubt that if we preserve a clear vision and a stout heart that we will succeed in our task of nation building? There are many other questions that might be properly considered which have been brought to our attention by His Excellency, but I do not wish, on account of the very able manner in which the hon. gentleman who proposed this motion has dealt with them, to take up any more time; but I wish to state that I am exceedingly thankful for the kind way in which I have been received as a member of the Canadian Senate. I hope, hon. gentlemen, that my entrance into this Chamber may be of some benefit to myself, and also that I may be useful in the interests of my beloved country, and that my relations may be, as I am sure they will be, pleasant and cordial and that no one will regret my entrance to this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am sure that this side of the House will join with hon. gentlemen on the other side in extending their hearty congratulations to the accession which we have recently received to our ranks, and that at the expense of the Commons. I always take fresh courage when I see an hon. gentleman from the House of Commons imbued with that speculative confidence which many of them seem to possess in resigning their seats in the Commons and accepting a seat in the

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Upper Chamber. The specter, so to speak, of our extinguishment through Senate reform is naturally ever before us, and when one finds that hon. gentlemen belonging to the dominant party who are, no doubt, in the confidence of their party leaders and of the government of the day, are willing to sacrifice the aspirations and the emoluments which the Commons of Canada hold out by way of cabinet positions and other satisfactory expectations, and are willing to remove from that mundane sphere to the higher altitude of this Chamber, we feel satisfied that the day of Senate reform, so far as our extinction is concerned, is somewhat distant. I know of no higher tribute that can be paid to the Senate than to find hon. gentlemen who at one time occupied, and to-day occupy, very leading positions in the Liberal ber. When I think of how my right hon. friend from Kingston at one time denounced the Senate and all its works, ably seconded by his efficient lieutenant, the hon. gentleman from Wellington, and when I look around the Chamber, and find a number of other hon. gentlemen who joined in the denunciations, which from year to year have been heaped upon our heads, and then find that these gentlemen have at last come here, I repeat that no higher tribute can be paid to the Senate. I join in the hope which I know has been expressed by hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House that these hon. gentlemen who have been introduced at the opening of this session of parliament into the Senate Chamber, may be long spared to occupy the seats which they already grace, both by reason of their appearance and of the abilities which they have displayed to-day in moving and seconding the address. I am satisfied that while they have left what is generally considered the more active Chamber of legislative work in the parliament of Canada they will find in this Chamber a sphere in which they can be equally useful to the country and equally active.

In looking over this address it would seem to me that the first clause of the address contains practically the creed of the Liberal party. I think it is full of heresies and of fallacies, so far as we, the unbelievers on this side of the House are concerned, and it shall be my duty for a few minutes, with the indulgence of hon. gen-