

The proposed Bill to make the modern laws of England applicable to Manitoba and the North-West Territories will no doubt commend itself to this hon. body when they remember that the laws of England obtain which were in force in the days of Charles II., who granted the charter to the Hudson's Bay Co. (that is, so far as these laws are not modified) and many of them are now obsolete. The various measures foreshadowed in the Speech from the Throne other than those referred to are of a special character and I have no doubt that such consideration will be extended by hon. members on their introduction in this Chamber as will ensure their being engrossed as part of the future laws of this country.

The announcement recently made in the press that His Excellency is soon to bid us farewell to assume an important position in the Imperial Government is one which has been received everywhere throughout the Dominion with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure that one who has endeared himself to the Canadian people is to receive such merited distinction from the Government of the Empire, regret that we are so soon to lose one who has represented Her Majesty so worthily, and evinced such a deep and practical interest in the welfare of our country. I doubt if His Excellency would have learned in such a thorough and satisfactory manner the extent of his popularity before hearing the farewell of our people had he not been personally assailed, as few of Her Majesty's representatives in her greatest colony have ever been, by bitter and unscrupulous enemies from abroad. The attack, which was designed to drive him from the Dominion, simply served to demonstrate the deep feeling of loyalty which prevails amongst our people for Her Gracious Majesty and her representative in the Dominion, and the profound respect, unbounded confidence and warm personal friendship which most Canadians cherish for His Excellency and his amiable and accomplished wife. No Governor-General ever left the shores of Canada with more convincing proofs of the attachment of the Canadian people for himself, or more worthily won their esteem and confidence.

I have much pleasure in seconding

the resolution in reply to His Excellency's most gracious address.

HON. MR. SCOTT—The usual etiquette in naming the mover and seconder of the resolution for an Address in reply to the Speech from Throne has been to select junior members of the House. My honorable friend who so eloquently, earnestly and ably moved this resolution is a comparatively young member of the Senate, having first taken his seat last session, yet he is an old parliamentarian and he has given evidence of the marked ability that he possesses in addressing deliberative bodies. I am quite sure that whether we agree with his observations or dissent from them his speech will have, at least, led us to hope that he would more frequently give us the benefit of his counsels in the discussion of the various questions which come before this body. He has, of course, had a very large experience. I had the pleasure of sitting not very far from him in the old Parliament of Canada, nearly thirty years ago, and since that time he has held many positions of importance, culminating in the high and distinguished one of first Minister of the Province of Quebec. He is, therefore, in every sense of the term, a highly experienced and qualified legislator, and quite able to give us the benefit of his opinions on any subject that might be brought forward. While I entirely dissent from the views he has expressed on the majority of the subjects discussed, I am free to confess that I was extremely pleased with his manner and address, and the earnest way in which he delivered his opinions. I concurred particularly in his observations, with regard to His Excellency, although there was no paragraph in the speech which referred to his departure from this country. We all feel that Lord Lansdowne has acquitted himself as a distinguished Governor should do, and that he has earned the good will of the Canadian people. The gentleman who seconded the Address also discharged his duty well. We have all to remember that he is a gentleman who has not been trained in legislative halls, and therefore, very large consideration is due to any effort that he has made. He