

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Senate and of Canada, in Parliament assembled, have agreed to an Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, expressing the deep and heartfelt sorrow of this House at the demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address in such a way as Your Excellency may see fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—In seconding the motion for the adoption of the address of condolence to His Majesty King Edward VII., and to the Royal Family, on the death of His Majesty's Royal mother, Queen Victoria, and of congratulation to the King on his accession to the Throne, I might with propriety content myself with echoing, to a great extent, the sentiments of the hon. the Minister of Justice, when moving the motion now before the House; sentiments which, I am confident, every member of the Senate heartily and sincerely approves, and I may add every loyal subject in the Dominion. Were I to indulge in giving voice to the thoughts which are uppermost in my mind, in reference to the character and reign of Victoria the good, I fear I should only be repeating what has already been well said and written by others. I may, however, be permitted to add that nothing too much has been said or written in praise of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, not only by her own subjects, but by the people of the whole civilized world. Her reign has been one which has tended to the elevation of the human race, in the spread of Christianity, and all that flows therefrom. She succeeded in harmonizing government under a limited monarchy with that of democracy, until any serious conflict between King and people has been rendered almost impossible. In a word, Queen Victoria was an ideal constitutional ruler. I need only add, that in the death of one so beloved, the empire has to mourn the loss of a Sovereign of whom it may be truthfully said she possessed all the qualities of a good woman, an affectionate wife, a lov-

ing mother, and the astuteness and firmness requisite in a constitutional ruler. That Edward VII., who ascends the Throne, will prove a worthy successor to his noble mother, there can be no doubt. One who has shown himself, through a long and eventful life, a loving and devoted son, cannot but be possessed of those qualities which will endear him to his subjects. The fact that his first public utterance was a declaration that the policy and actions of his mother were the model which he would adopt in governing and ruling over a free people, is the best possible assurance that he will reign in the affection of his people, who will ever heartily sing 'God Save the King.' 'Long may he Reign.'

The motion was agreed to.

#### THE ADDRESS.

#### DEBATE CONCLUDED.

The Order of the Day being called :

Resuming the adjourned debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the first session of the ninth parliament.—(Hon. Mr. Mills.)

Hon. Mr. MILLS said : I was speaking yesterday when the House adjourned, and I had something further to say. What it was I do not remember at this moment, and I beg to say to my hon. friends that I shall consider my speech on the subject of the address concluded by what I said yesterday.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (Cape Breton)—I rise to say that I dissent from a certain claim made by the hon. Minister of Justice yesterday as to the cause of prosperity in this country, and especially in the Island of Cape Breton. When the hon. gentleman was interrupted by some hon. gentleman on the other side, he asked the question, 'Where was the prosperity of Sydney until the present government came into power?' Let me ask the hon. member where was the South African war until the present government came into power? One question might be asked with as much reason as the other. I dissent altogether from the proposition that the prosperity existing in this Dominion at the present time, and especially in the Island of Cape Breton, is due to the present government. What are the facts in connection with the prosperity