

speech, is the opening of a new and striking chapter in the world's history. Great Britain, the foremost nation in the world, with her lusty and vigorous daughters, four other nations in vigour, promise and resource—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—united together in a quintuple alliance for the protection and enfranchisement of the British race in every quarter of the globe. In this alliance, fear, or hate, or covetousness will have no place. It will be held together by ties of blood and kinship, by devotion to British institutions, and by the recollection of what Great Britain has done to uplift the burden of oppressed mankind in every region and every clime, bonds that are enduring and indestructible.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion of the hon. member for Berthier (Mr. Ecrement) that an humble address be presented to His Excellency.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Mr. Speaker, before proceeding to discuss the motion which has been presented to the House, I would like in the first place to express the sympathy of those sitting to your left for the family and friends of Dr. Wilbert McIntyre, late member for Strathcona, a gentleman whose fairness, whose courtesy and whose genial disposition endeared him to every member of this House, on whichever side of the Speaker he sits. Speaking for every one on this side of the House, as I am sure I can also speak for every one on the other side of the House, we tender to the family and friends of the late Dr. McIntyre our most sincere and hearty sympathy. His death is a loss, not only to this House, but to the whole country; because, in addition to the qualities to which I have alluded, he was a man of more than ordinary ability, and one who devoted himself with the greatest possible industry to every public question that came up for the consideration of parliament.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I desire to congratulate in no purely formal manner the hon. gentleman, (Mr. Ecrement) who moved the address of His Excellency, and who did so in very happy terms and with great eloquence; also my hon. friend from Richmond (Mr. Kyte), who spoke with very great ability, and for the most part very happily.

With respect to the growing time which has been alluded to, I notice a distinct difference in the tenor of the speech which has been put into the mouth of His Excellency from that which we heard last year. I noticed in the gracious speech of His Excellency last year, that attention was called to a world wide depression, and it was indicated to us that this world wide depression had in some inevitable way

been extended to our own country. There was a suggestion that the depression was prevailing throughout the world, and that no effort of any government could possibly have prevented it from reaching Canada. But this year I do not observe any reference whatever to the world wide prosperity which is enjoyed by every civilized country at this moment, the inference of course being that the great advance and growth which have been happily manifest in Canada, and the rapid recovery from the depression of last year, are altogether due to the fact that we have upon the treasury benches of Canada today that wonderful aggregation of ability and talent which now presides over our destinies. Well, I suppose there must be a difference in the way in which you look at it one year and the way in which you look at it in another year. But, after all, those of us who give intelligent consideration to such matters know that world wide prosperity and world wide depression are beyond the control of any government, or of any combination of governments. We are happy indeed that Canada in the past eight or ten years has had her full share in the world wide prosperity, we are glad of it, we rejoice in it, and we trust that it will long continue.

But there were one or two matters in connection with the growth of this country as to which I did not observe any allusion in the remarks, either of the hon. gentleman who moved the address or of the hon. gentleman who so ably seconded it. It has been a growing time in Canada, and it would be strange indeed if Canada did not share in this world wide prosperity. But have any of these hon. gentlemen considered the way in which the public expenditure of Canada has been growing in recent years? I have some figures that were made up for me not long ago, and they were of so startling a character that I sent for the public accounts, because I did not believe that they could be correct. I did not realize that the public expenditure of this country had grown to such an extent. But I found upon examining the public accounts that the figures given to me were correct. I found that, taking the ten years from 1886 to 1896, the aggregate revenue of this country amounted to \$371,000,000, in round numbers. I found that, taking the ten years from 1900 to 1909, inclusive, the aggregate revenue of this country amounted to \$692,500,000; in other words, I found that during the past ten years the present administration have received from the people of this country—because the money could come from no other source—\$321,500,000 more than was received by the late Conservative administration during the last ten years they were in power. I imagined to myself what a good,