

I may be permitted, in moving the adjournment of the House, to call the attention of hon. gentlemen to the death of one of our members—I refer to the late Hon. Mr. Tassé, who occupied a position in the Senate very acceptably for a few years. Mr. Tassé commenced life as a journalist in this city, and occupied a much more prominent and important position in the city of Montreal, where he conducted the leading French journal in that city—*La Minerve*. I am sure that to those who knew the hon. gentleman and had the pleasure of sitting with him, as I did in the House of Commons, for five years, and occupying a seat with him in this chamber, also, will regret that one so talented and so gifted, and who had done so much in bringing the country prominently before the world, should have been cut off at such an early period of his life. He was only 47 when he died, and if he never did anything more than the delivering of that speech in Chicago in defence of Canada, pointing out its resources and its greatness, to the world—for it was published and circulated everywhere—he earned for himself the gratitude of every Canadian. I do not know that I ever read a speech which gave me more pleasure, and which breathed more true patriotism, and conveyed to the world what Canadians thought of their country, of its greatness, and of its prospects, and of its future, than did that utterance of Mr. Tassé. It was my very great pleasure personally to thank him for it when he returned. Coming as it did from a representative French Canadian, upon whom many of the Americans, particularly in a large city like Chicago, look upon as discontented and desirous of severing connection between this country and the Empire, it was a revelation to them at least, although it was not to the Canadians who heard and applauded him. I was greatly pleased, as I am sure every one was who read his speech,—and also that which followed by Mr. Larke, an Ontarian, who now is in Australia, when combating the views uttered by the late Mayor Harrison of Chicago, when he had the indelicacy to talk of bringing Canada under the folds of the stars and stripes—when Mr. Tassé came to the rescue of his country and pointed out that under no circumstances would the French Canadian people ever submit to acknowledging the sway of the United States. I deeply regret that one so young and so gifted should have

been removed from the scene of what would have been his increasing usefulness.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I join in expressing the regret that we all feel at the early death of the late Senator Tassé. He had a bright intellect and used his intellectual powers at all times to show his love for his native country. His services were highly appreciated, and on no occasion more by his fellow countrymen than at the particular time to which the premier has just alluded. We all deeply regret his death.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, 23rd April, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

SEBATE CONTINUED.

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 Fifth Session of the Seventh Parliament.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—I regret that yesterday, in consequence of the non-arrival of the train until after the debate had concluded, I had not the pleasure of hearing the remarks of the hon. mover and seconder of the address on this occasion. We may congratulate the hon. gentleman from Pictou on his coming into the Senate. The first thing that we have to deal with of any importance in the Speech from the Throne, is the reference to the late Right Hon. Sir John Thompson. I must unite with those who have preceded me in expressing the great regret that the whole country felt at the untimely death of the late premier. I may also include in that remark a reference to the death of one of our colleagues, the Hon. Mr. Tassé. Sir John Thompson is the third premier who has departed since this Parliament was elected. The two last,