

tonnage and the cargoes that they carry is something difficult to estimate and would require an adding machine.

I do not think that the Senate, as a body, cares to hear long speeches, and I am not in the habit of making them. It is a subject I feel warmly interested in; I will not burden hon. gentlemen further now, but will merely content myself with moving seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pope, that:

The the following Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Royal Highness for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament; namely:—

To Field Marshall, His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, Earl of Sussex (in the Peerage of the United Kingdom), Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony; Prince of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; His Majesty's Personal Aide-de-Camp; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

*May it please Your Royal Highness:*

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Royal Highness for the gracious speech Your Royal Highness has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. POPE—After the eloquent and able address of the hon. senator from St. John (Hon. Mr. Daniel), my task is a remarkably easy one. I may say that I am a sort of makeshift on this occasion. The Hon. Mr. Girroir, one of the new senators from down by the sea, who was to have seconded the motion in French, was unable to be present. Spending the summers in the far west of Canada, on the prairies, I had an opportunity of realizing the splendid benefits accruing to us there, from the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to that part of the country. Those of us who reside in the

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older provinces were all delighted to welcome him for everything that is associated with his name and family. We are certainly staid in our patriotism and devotion and are of the older citizenship of this country, but in the far western land, where we are filling up from all corners of the world with strangers of all classes, people who have been taught all sorts of things, some, perhaps, not creditable to the teacher, but rather adverse to the democratic ideas of Canada, and our Kingdom, it is a great advantage to these people to have an opportunity of seeing, meeting and talking with H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, one of the members of the royal family of England. And he created throughout all that country a splendid feeling, and did good work which will last for a long time among the strangers who know very little about the character of our public institutions. With regard to the wonderful increase of trade, the figures which have been given to you by the hon. mover of the resolution are certainly very gratifying to us, having reached practically the billion dollar mark. I regret that our exports were not more in keeping with our imports. I would feel that the solidity and the economic condition of our prosperity was on a better foundation under those circumstances than at present. It is very gratifying to know that when we need much money for the development of Canada for the building of our great public works and our highways, both by steam, wagon or otherwise, and for giving aid and assistance to the Mother Country in strengthening the British navy, which is our navy, against all navies of the world, that we are particularly blessed on this occasion with an increasing, and I may say ever increasing, revenue of sufficient quantity to make it possible to aid in that great financial work, so essential to ourselves and the empire, without resorting to a loan or to extraordinary taxation. There could be no more opportune time for Canada to afford to be generous than the year we are just passing through, and when we read in the newspapers of the day that all the European nations, practically without exception, are