

was chiefly connected during his life and recognized as taking a prominent part in the growth and influence of Victoria University, and he was on the board of that body and occupied also the position of vice-chancellor. His death, I know, will be deeply regretted by the Methodist body of which he was a very prominent member. In 1874, when Mr. Mackenzie was premier, being a strong Liberal, Mr. Kerr was elected for the county and sat during that parliament in the House of Commons. He was called to the Senate Chamber in 1899. I think all of us will bear witness to the kind and gentle way in which he demeaned himself while here. He took a prominent part in all the important debates, but no one will remember a single harsh word that he said on any occasion. Warmly devoted to the political party with which he had been all his life associated, he nevertheless had warm friendship for those who differed from him politically. His political feelings never interfered with his private friendship. Hon. gentlemen will be reminded that often in his speeches he indulged in a vein of humour, which added to the interest of the observations he was making. We all will express our sense of regret at his having been called away prematurely.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I quite concur in the sentiments which have been so very properly expressed by my hon. friend the Secretary of State as to the death of our two late colleagues. With reference to that of the late Senator Vidal, I might say that few men in Canada have seen the measure of public life which it was his privilege to possess. I think only two members of this Senate are alive to-day who were here at the time of his entry into this Chamber. I refer to my hon. friend the Secretary of State and the hon. senator from Richmond. He exceeded by almost a score of years the allotted span of life—three score and ten. During that time I think it might be said that he had the melancholy pleasure of seeing most of his contemporaries pass away. He entered public life early in the sixties. From the time of his entering into public life he may be said to have seen the few scattered provinces of Canada emerge into the greatest self-governing possession of the British empire. Senator Vidal was always one of the active mem-

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bers of this Senate. Almost up to the time of his death he took an active and intelligent interest in everything which transpired. Few members of the Senate during the time he was amongst us took a more active interest in the work of the committees than our late and lamented colleague, and upon the floor of the House there was scarcely any measure of importance which did not receive the very best attention and consideration at his hands. Very fortunately for the late senator his disposition and his temperament were of that character which appealed to gentlemen on both sides of this House, and it was observable, I think, by every hon. member in this Chamber that both sides vied from time to time to pay their tribute of respect and esteem to the very gentlemanly way in which he transacted the public business with which he was concerned.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The ripe experience and the mature judgment and the disinterestedness which always characterized his discussions on public questions will be missed in this Chamber. Those characteristics always appealed to his fellow-colleagues, and will be missed in the transaction of our business. Not only was the late Senator Vidal a distinct acquisition to the public men of Canada, but few during his time engaged so actively in the work of social and moral reform. His connection with the temperance cause in Canada was well known from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the efforts which he from time to time put forward, to which the hon. Secretary of State referred, for the amelioration of the conditions of intemperance which have cursed so many of our fellowmen, will be long remembered by those who were associated with him in the work of moral reform. His loss will be distinctly felt in the public life of the country and in the different movements for social reform. As a public man, a good citizen and a friend I am satisfied this Chamber will, with his family, mourn his loss.

The remarks which I have made with reference to Senator Vidal might apply with equal force to the late Senator Kerr, who had long been identified with public life in Canada. He commenced his political career early in the seventies. Having en-