

always purgent and to the point, and his indignation was easily aroused by injustice or oppression. By temperament he would sooner espouse the cause of the weak than that of the strong, and this it was, I believe, that made him an enthusiastic supporter of the Southern States during the great rebellion

Such a man, such a character, such an honourable record as the late Dr. Almon's, even his opponents must respect, and his friends, I am sure, will long cherish his memory with affection and esteem, while deeply sorrowing for his loss. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I am sure that this House will concur in everything that has been said by the hon. senator from Richmond. I remember, from my first entering into parliament, Dr. Almon. He sat in the House of Commons before he became a member of the Senate. I have frequently met him in the library and often had long conversations with him. He was intimately acquainted with the early history of his own province, and took a special interest in everything relating to the various families who settled there at an early period in its history. I am sure that every hon. member of this House, as well as every gentleman who has come in contact with Dr. Almon, has formed a high opinion of his information, of his general ability, and of his integrity. I do not suppose that any hon. gentleman sits in this House, or has sat in the House, who had a stronger feeling against what he thought wrong or unjust than Dr. Almon. He had strong feelings in favour of his own political views and opinions. He was a man of very strong convictions, and although I and those who belong to the Reform party could not agree with many of the opinions which he expressed, politically, I am sure I had never any doubt as to the honesty of his convictions, or the sincerity with which he held those opinions which he advocated, and I am sure that whatever views we may entertain with regard to those political opinions or views, no one can doubt this, that one with the feelings and sentiments of Dr. Almon cannot be other than a highly honourable man who may be safely trusted with any important public duties that the country or the Crown may see proper to commit to him. (Applause.)

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I am so fully in accord with every sentiment which has fallen from the hon. gentleman from Richmond and also from the Minister of Justice, that it would be unnecessary for me to say one word in addition. Whatever the peculiarities of the hon. gentleman were—no matter how strong his convictions were upon any and all questions—no matter what his likes and dislikes were, there can be no question in the mind of any one who knew the hon. gentleman, that he was honest in his convictions, fearless in the expression of them, and one of the kindest hearted men in the Senate. I deeply deplore, with the House, the loss which the Senate and the country have sustained through the death of Dr. Almon. Death has been making sad inroads on the membership of this House, but such is the course of nature to which we must all submit. I do not desire to enter into a biographical sketch of the hon. gentleman's life. That has been well done by the hon. gentleman from Richmond. I can only re-echo all that has been said in favour of our late lamented colleague. (Applause.)

The Senate adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, March 7, 1901.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PACIFIC CABLE CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL gave notice :

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of the Senate, copies of all tenders received for the laying of an electric cable between Canada and Australia; a copy of the contract entered into for the construction and laying of said cable; together with a copy of all correspondence and documents relating to the nationalization of the telegraphics of the empire, to include papers not already laid before the House.

He said: My object in putting this notice upon the paper is that in a few days we shall have a Bill from the other House