

to the Throne, may long perpetuate the constitutional rule under his Royal mother's administration, under which we and all her subjects have so long enjoyed the blessings of free and just government. I am confident that, notwithstanding the teachings of a small and narrow-minded school of political philosophers, the people of England will respond to the sentence with which this address is closed, and which so entirely speaks the sentiments of this House in assuring Her Majesty of our "unswerving attachment to the Empire, and of our devotion to her Throne and Person" With these words, I now beg leave to propose the following Address of Congratulation :

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty :*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty to offer You our earnest congratulations, on the restoration to health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The visit of His Royal Highness to British North America, and the acquaintance which he then made with its people, have served to render their sympathy during his illness the more keen, and we humbly assure Your Majesty that Your subjects in Canada are deeply thankful to Almighty God for the happy recovery of the Prince.

Your Majesty's Canadian subjects of all creeds and races participated in Your Majesty's affliction whilst His Royal Highness' life was in danger, and we humbly trust that Your Majesty will graciously suffer us to unite in the congratulations which, by acclamation from all parts of the Empire, have greeted Your Majesty on the passing away of the great calamity with which the nation was threatened.

We desire humbly to renew to Your Majesty the expression of our unswerving attachment to the Empire, and devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST, who followed in French, said that it was with the most unfeigned pleasure that he rose to second the Address, which had just been moved by the Hon. Postmaster General. He could reiterate what that hon. gentleman had said so forcibly, that the whole population, without respect to class or creed, had heard with the deepest sorrow the news of the illness of H. R. Highness the Prince of Wales, and had sympathized most sincerely with his august mother and wife in their great sorrow. He could also testify to the joy that pervaded all classes when the cause for

anxiety was at last removed, and the British Empire was saved from the sad calamity of the death of the heir to the British Crown. Happily, however, all danger to British institutions had been averted by his recovery, and the attachment of all classes of the people to the Crown strengthened by the event which had caused so much sorrow and anxiety throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire.

The Address was then ordered to be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Commons for their concurrence.

#### DECEASED SENATORS.

The SPEAKER having informed the House of the death of Senators H. E. J. Duchesnay and Bill,

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved an adjournment of the House out of respect to those gentlemen, and in doing so, alluded particularly to Senator Duchesnay, with whom he had a longer and more intimate acquaintance than he had with Senator Bill. That gentleman had been like himself, long connected with the Conservative party, and was a member of an illustrious French Canadian family, whose name was perfectly familiar to every student of those times when the French were the rulers of Canada. The late Senator was a worthy scion of that stock, and had always fulfilled most honourably and consistently all his public duties, while not a few present could also testify to his courteous demeanour and other admirable personal traits.

Hon. Mr. HOLMES spoke of his acquaintance with the late Senator Bill, who had always been most upright and honorable in all his relations with the world.

Hon. Mr. ARMAND seconded the motion of the hon. Postmaster General, and referred to the high descent of the late Senator Duchesnay, to his amiable qualities and to his sincere desire to perform strictly and honourably his obligations as a public man. He had left behind him very many friends who would always preserve his memory fresh in their minds.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

After presentation of a number of Petitions from Dominion Board of Trade, Grand Trunk Railroad Company, Montreal