

THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. MILLS moved :

That the Senate do take into consideration the speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

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Ottawa, Monday, February 5, 1900.

The Speaker took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR.

HON. JOSEPH PHILIPPE BABY-CASGRAIN, representing the electoral division of De Lanaudière, *vice* Hon. Joseph H. Bellerose, deceased, was introduced and took his seat.

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The Order of the Day being read:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the Fifth Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (De Lanaudière) said (in French) : Called upon for the first time to address this legislative body where sit the wise and the aged of the nation, before this areopagus of our political world, before princes of finance, before, above all, men who have devoted the best of their lives to the service of the State, I feel under the influence of the deepest anxiety and the most natural emotions. Why should I try to conceal them in appearing before you, who know well the timidity of a novice in parliamentary career, knowing the great responsibility which attaches to the quasi-official words which I am invited to discuss under the grave and painful circumstances which surround the British Empire at this time. I have accepted with joy, hon. gentlemen of the Senate, the invitation which the government of my country has extended to me to move the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, because I find therein, on the occasion of my entering for the first time this Chamber, an opportunity of expressing on my own behalf and for the province in which I was born, our sincere sentiments of loyalty to-

wards our Gracious Sovereign. The other day his honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec with that appropriateness of expression which distinguishes him, wishing God speed to the Canadian officers who had put their swords and their lives at the service of the empire, on the occasion of their departure from the ancient city of Champlain, eloquently developed this thought, in recalling two immortal pages from our own history which in certain places people appear to leave in oblivion. Fifteen years had barely passed after the cession of Canada, when, as the Marquis of Montcalm had predicted long before the loss of Canada, already a tempest of revolt in nearly all the British colonies of America extinguished the peaceable fires on the hearths and rebellious hands carried triumphantly the incendiary torches of civil war in the fertile fields of the new world. The great majority of the sons of Albion on American soil raised the standard of revolt, and threatened to wrest from England the last of its colonies on this continent. Emissaries of the partisans of independence were sent to Canada to lead the Canadians into rebellion. They were prodigal of captious promises. Messrs. Franklin, Chase and Carroll passed weeks and weeks in Montreal trying to sow sedition there. Certainly the temptation was great, but our ancestors listening only to the voice of duty and the wise counsels of the Roman Catholic clergy, remained true to their sworn allegiance, and I am proud to be able to proclaim that Canada remains in the British Empire to-day, thanks to the loyalty of the descendants of France to the British Crown. Our great Canadian sculptor, Hebert, who immortalizes to-day in bronze the memory of that good man, of that great citizen, of that honest Prime Minister, who was Alexander Mackenzie, whose statue will adorn for ever the avenue leading to these legislative halls, erected several years ago on the historic shores of the Chambly River, another monument to remind future generations of the glory of that great patriot, the conqueror of Chateauguay, Colonel Salaberry. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise herself unveiled his statue. For the second time under British rule our territory was invaded. The very existence of