

impede the development and prosperity of the country. If the present Government, during this Parliament, do as much for Canada as was done during the first Parliament of the late Government, I shall thank Providence.

Hon. G. LYNCH-STAUNTON: Will the honourable gentleman answer a question? Did not the late Administration in the last session in which they were in power raise the tariff to a higher level than it had ever before been at in the history of Canada?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If my honourable friend will consider the Dunning modifications, the Dunning Budget—

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STAUNTON: No, I mean the general tariff; I am not referring to preference. Did they not raise the general tariff against countries outside the Empire to a higher level than it had ever been at before?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If my honourable friend is referring to the mean level of the tariff, I answer his question in the negative. The late Government increased the duties on steel. Bounties were given to iron and steel producers in the East and the West, and the tariff was increased on some articles. I would remind my honourable friend that a tariff is not like the laws of the Medes; on the contrary, it can be modified and readjusted occasionally as conditions warrant. But there is a great difference between a policy like that of the former Administration and one which would result in high protection on most of the items on the tariff.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STAUNTON: Do I understand the honourable gentleman to agree that they did raise the tariff to a higher level than it ever had been at before?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, I cannot say that.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STAUNTON: I should like to understand what the honourable gentleman does say.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I answer my honourable friend in the negative, while admitting that we did raise the tariff on certain items.

Hon. W. B. WILLOUGHBY: Honourable senators, for physical if for no other reasons, I have no intention of following the honourable leader on the other side in a discussion on the tariff. My purpose in rising is to express my compliments to the honourable members who have moved and seconded the

Address. I think it is a well established custom that the leaders on both sides of this Chamber should congratulate the mover and the seconder of the Address, but I desire to do so now, not merely from a sense of duty, but because it is a pleasure to do so. My honourable friend who moved the Address (Hon. Mr. Schaffner) is an old parliamentarian. Coming from the West as I do, I realize that it was only because he was an able politician and highly esteemed by the people that he was able to hold an agricultural seat in Manitoba for the Conservatives in the reciprocity election. He was possessed of both attributes, ability and acceptability to the people. I have had an opportunity of observing some of the services that he has rendered on committees of this House, and I know of no honourable member who is more regular in his attendance at committee meetings and more efficient in his duties. In common with most Anglo-Saxons, I have not the good fortune to be a good bilinguist; but I understood and greatly enjoyed the speech of the honourable gentleman from Richibucto (Hon. Mr. Bourque) when he spoke in his mother tongue. I am sure I express the sentiments of all other honourable members when I say that we should like to hear these two honourable gentlemen oftener. Perhaps it may not be out of place to remark here that there are a number of honourable members in this House who were formerly distinguished members of another place and who speak to us here too rarely. These honourable gentlemen, who perhaps became tired of the strenuous life in the other House, have a ripe experience from which we should be glad to profit. Then, too, there are a number of honourable senators who had no political experience prior to their appointment to this Chamber, but who hold eminent positions in the business and professional world, and whose opinions we should like to hear expressed more frequently.

If no other honourable member has anything to say, I would move that the House adjourn.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Did my honourable friend adjourn the debate?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I have finished what I have to say.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But if any other honourable member has anything to say—

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: All right.