

touched upon, Sir Charles frankly owning his former doubts of its usefulness, and accounting for his change of opinion. Montreal will read with satisfaction his remarks on this subject.

A speech remarkable as much for its solidity and accuracy of statement as for its easy delivery and the readiness with which casual objections were dealt with, was wound up by a peroration patriotic not political, and as brilliant as it was broad in scope and statesmanlike. The applause that followed was beyond the usual measure that the House accords. It is seldom indeed that a national event, such as to-day's exposition of the Government's policy may well be deemed, is so thoroughly brought home to the people of Canada and so ably impressed upon the minds of their representatives. Never, I believe, since the days of 1873, with one exception only, that of the introduction of the National policy, have the galleries been so filled, nor has there been such intense general interest in any political topic.