

held accordingly. Then my hon. friend will perceive that in some cases there were appeals. In some cases the judgments were not rendered till late in the vacation, and warrants could not issue thereafter till notice of judgment was given. All these circumstances combined rendered it absolutely impossible to carry out the idea of having all the elections on one day.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I have no doubt the Government were very much disturbed and distressed because they could not manage it.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT—I must say that personally I was not very much disturbed, because personally I hold the opinion that the more discussion there is on a subject on which I am right the more likely I am to be sustained by the people.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Then the hon. gentleman should have waited and allowed full discussion until the last of those lists were ready. Then he would have got the full discussion, and had a fair election afterwards.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT—We had the full discussion as it was. We had the fullest possible discussion in every county in which an election took place, and there was an ample number of gentlemen thoroughly acquainted with public affairs, on both sides, who visited these counties when the elections were pending for the purpose of discussing these questions and I think that a full discussion carried on while a certain amount of interest prevailed in the county, in consequence of the election pending, tended more than the ordinary half-hearted discussion spread over a length of time, to inform the electors of the actual issues before the country, and to bring about the beneficial result which we have to congratulate ourselves upon, than the system which my hon. friend would propose to adopt. I regret very much to have to remark upon the loss which this House has sustained since we last met, in the persons of two of our most valued and oldest Senators. I am sure this House will join with me in the expression of the greatest possible sympathy with their friends and relations in their loss, especially in the case of one of those hon. Senators, who certainly I may say was prematurely cut off. We saw him last in the enjoyment of apparently the greatest possible health and strength, and we lost him after a comparatively short illness. I am sure I

need say no more on that subject than just to express the great regret we all feel at the loss we have sustained in the death of these two gentlemen.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, March 3rd, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. CARLING.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. POWER moved—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the resignation by the Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, of the seat in the Senate occupied by him at the close of the last session of Parliament

He said: It is unfortunate that such a notice should be placed on the Orders of the Day, and I regret, and I presume that every hon. gentleman unites with me in regretting, that one of the two departmental officers whom we had in this House at the close of last session, should have left the Senate; and the regret is naturally increased when we find that one important department, which was held by a member of this House at the close of last session—the Department of Public Works—has passed into the hands of a gentleman of the House of Commons, so that the Senate, which last year occupied about a fair position with respect to the Cabinet officers, has now got back to the very same unsatisfactory position in which it stood before the Minister of Agriculture came here. We have the Premier here, it is true, but no other departmental officer. I can, for one, most honestly express my regret that the hon. member who was at the head of the Public Works at the close of last session, had not remained there, because he was a gentleman whose capacity and long experience in dealing with important works of a public character, fitted him especially for that department. There were a good many things which remained to be done about the buildings here