

quite sure that we of this present generation, at all events, will not have occasion to be pinched by the lean years that generally follow the fat years such as we are enjoying.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, February 19, 1902.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

DEBATE CONCLUDED.

The Order of the Day being called

Resuming the further adjourned Debate on the Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM^a said: I may be permitted to make a few remarks with reference to the changes which have taken place in the Senate since last session. I miss from this House some old and respected friends, whom I knew for many years. They have been replaced in this Senate by other hon. gentlemen whom I am well acquainted with, and whom I welcome to this House. Some of them have been opponents of mine for a long time, but I have no doubt they will discharge their duties properly. I also miss the hon. leader of the government in this Senate, the late Minister of Justice, who has been transferred to another branch of the public service. I respect him very much, and I think it is a great pity that he has been removed from the Senate to the Supreme Court. Of course if it is his gain I am willing to put up with it, but at the same time, I consider that it is a great loss to the country that such a man as the Hon. David Mills, who has been in the parliament of Canada for a long time, and who was a Minister of the Crown before he came to the Senate, appointed Minister of Justice here

and remained in the Senate for years, should be removed from us now. I respect him for his great ability and his knowledge of constitutional law. However, I have no doubt that he will discharge his duties satisfactorily in his new office. With reference to the appointment of another gentleman to take his place in the Senate, I have nothing to say. I do not know exactly who that gentleman may be, but I will treat him with all the respect due to him when he comes to this Chamber. I desire now to make a few remarks on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

It is something new to me now—and it is also gratifying to me to know—that the so-called Reform government of this country are taking the Canadian Pacific Railway under their charge. I am an old man, and I remember long, long ago, when the Reform opposition opposed the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway with all their might and main. They characterized the province of British Columbia as a sea of mountains, and said that it was not worth while to build the Canadian Pacific Railway in order to save that province to the British Crown, and, if built, the line would not earn enough money to pay the oil required to lubricate the axles of the car wheels. I remember the time when they wanted to build only the prairie section and utilize what they called the water stretches. That was their policy. But they are now taking the Canadian Pacific Railway under their wings and making the people believe that they are the party who constructed that road. I have no doubt that is what they are endeavouring to do. I was amused at the Secretary of State when he told us yesterday what an effect this preferential trade had on the products of this country. What has this government done? We have prosperity in Canada, and I am glad of it. My hon. friend said that sentiment was better than law, but at the same time sentiment has nothing to do with it. The prosperity of this country is due to the brain and muscle and intelligence of its people. In the matter of production, what have they given us? Did they give what they promised? We remember the present premier of this country speaking at London, Ont., before he became Prime Minister and saying: 'If you return me to power, I will get you