

paper reports, I do not deem it safe to indulge in any criticism upon that which has appeared in the newspapers. Hence I was anxious to see the official document itself. I shall be able, no doubt, to sleep after I have read it. I have little fear that it will keep me awake any part of the night. After having heard the mover and the seconder of the address, if the House has no objection, I would move the adjournment of the debate. Before doing so I would say that I have listened not only with a great deal of interest, but a great deal of pleasure to the remarks of the mover of the address and also to the remarks of the seconder; though I must qualify it by saying I am more in accord with the observations of the mover of the address than I am with those of the seconder. These are points that I will have an opportunity of dealing with at a later period. Let me say further that I compliment and congratulate the government on the late appointments to the Senate. I say so in all sincerity. I had the pleasure of sitting in the House of Commons with the hon. Senator from Bothwell for nearly a quarter of a century. I am not aware that upon any great question we ever agreed; but I can say this for him that he always dealt with any question that came before the House, in a manly, straightforward, I believe conscientious, and I am sure intellectual manner. My hon friend from Toronto, if I may mention his name, Mr. Cox, is a gentleman with whom I have been acquainted for a number of years. I congratulate him, and I congratulate the country, on the appointment to the Senate of a man of his commercial and financial standing in the country. And as to the other hon. member from New Brunswick, though he came here under peculiar circumstances, I congratulate the country on the accession to this chamber of a gentleman of the ability which he possesses. Though his opinions are not in accord with my own, I am quite sure he is fully as honest as I am in the views which he holds. I deem it my duty to say this much in reference to the composition of this House, because appointments of this kind, of men of ability, men who have taken an active part in the commercial affairs of the country, who have been leading members in politics, will add, not only to the dignity of the House, but will also add a great deal to its—shall I say intellectual standing in

the country? Having made these remarks, which I have done in all sincerity—I move that the debate be now adjourned.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—Before the motion is carried I wish to say a word or two. I am grateful at the generous way in which my hon. friend opposite has alluded to the late appointments made to the Senate. He has used very strong language, but not too strong; and I hope he will find that all the appointments made to the Senate and to every other department of the government with which we have to do will be of as praiseworthy character as the appointments which have been made.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I reciprocate that wish.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—My hon friend who has moved the answer to the address is known throughout all the Dominion as a gentleman of uncommon energy, uncommon business ability, of the highest moral character, and one who has an immense experience in public business of various kinds. Such a man will be, I am sure, of great service to us in many of the matters that come before us, and I have the satisfaction of knowing that, as it has been his habit to apply his energy to everything which he has undertaken, so he has accepted the office of senator with a determination to throw into the discharge of its duties the same energy, and to give to it the same attention, which he is known to have done with regard to other things during the whole of his life. His observations here to-day show him to be a thoughtful man with regard to public as well as to other matters. My hon. friend who seconded the motion comes from a different part of Canada. He, too, is a gentleman with large experience of business, a successful man of business, and who has given his attention not only to matters of business, but also to public matters, and is very familiar with them. I expect we shall find in him also a very valuable assistant in dealing with the many questions with which we have to deal. Another of the new senators is a gentleman whom we are all familiar with—with whom politicians generally are more familiar than they are with either of the other gentlemen,—I mean Mr. Mills, of whom my hon. friend opposite has spoken very kindly. Mr. Mills is one of the ablest politicians in