

to be under the sovereignty of your Majesty and your family for ever.' These words are particularly appropriate for all of us to remember at this time. And this we know, that subsequently, when the great work of binding together the provinces of Canada by a great railway was completed, Her Majesty expressed to Sir John Macdonald, in a letter, her pleasure at its accomplishment, stating that she had watched its progress with much interest, and that she hoped for the future success of a work of such value and importance to the empire.

Then, Sir, we may well recall the kindly words which Her Majesty addressed to Lady Macdonald on the death of Sir John Macdonald, and not less may we recall the kindness which she exhibited towards the family of the late Sir John Thompson on the occasion of his death in England. We remember that on that occasion she placed on his coffin a wreath of lilies and laurels as a token of her sincere respect for him, and the country of which, at the time of his death, he was Prime Minister.

I entirely concur in all that my right hon. friend has so well said with respect to the influence of Her Majesty, both in public and in private life, and I feel that perhaps one more word may be added in that connection, namely, the great toleration which she exhibited for all opinions, the great sympathy which went out from her to all races and creeds in the vast dominions over which she ruled. Victoria was great enough to recognize the greatness of truth, to know that it had many sides, and I believe that her influence in that respect will survive long in the memory which will be handed down of the achievements accomplished during her reign.

I think we might well quote, as a nation, with respect to her, the touching words which James Russell Lowell addressed to his wife:

Blessing is she; God made her so.

Throughout the empire—not only throughout Canada, but throughout the empire—we may well say of her who is now gone:

Blessing was she; God made her so.

I believe that nowhere in the empire more than in Canada, will her memory be honoured and revered; and may we not add that in our sorrow for her death, though in the fullness of her years, there is mingled a note of triumph for the character and the example she has left behind her.

With respect to the accession of His Most Gracious Majesty, it might be well to recall that when visiting Canada, and while he was yet a young man, he laid the corner-stone of this very building in which we now assemble. The corner-stone which he then laid might well have been thought a symbol of the great dominion which has since grown up. As the right hon. gentleman has said, there have been great developments during

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the reign of Her late Majesty. The foundations of our great Dominion were laid deep and broad and true during that time. Let us hope, as we all believe, that the structure which will be erected upon these foundations in the reign of King Edward VII. will be a fair and stately one, a structure of which all the empire, and not Canada alone, may well be proud.

Motion agreed to.

The PRIME MINISTER moved:

That a Message be sent to the Senate, informing their Honours that this House has passed an Address to His Majesty the King expressing the deep and heartfelt sorrow of this House at the demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and requesting their Honours to unite with this House in the said Address.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of the Prime Minister the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, February 11, 1901.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) moved:

That the Order for the consideration of the motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in reply to his Speech at the opening of the session, have precedence over all other business except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Motion agreed to.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. A. B. INGRAM (East Elgin) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Explain.

Mr. INGRAM. I may say that it is in respect to perfecting the ballot.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

AN ACT RESPECTING MONEY-LENDERS.

Mr. J. A. C. MADORE (Hochelaga) (translation) moved for leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) respecting money-lenders.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Explain.