

## THE ADDRESS.

## DEBATE RESUMED.

The order of the day being called:

Further consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the occasion of the opening of the Third Session of the Eleventh Parliament, and of the motion of the Hon. Mr. Roche, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Belcourt, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General in answer thereto.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It may seem somewhat strange that it invariably falls to the lot of the particular chair which I happen to occupy to be the first to congratulate hon. gentlemen on the opposite side of the House to whom is delegated the duty of moving and seconding the address and to speak in terms of courtesy, of compliment and of congratulation of the manner in which they discharge their difficult duty. It gives me very great pleasure to express my sense of appreciation of the manner in which my hon. friend from Halifax moved, and my hon. friend from Ottawa seconded the address. It is entirely unnecessary for me to speak in complimentary terms of those hon. gentlemen for the purpose in any way of encouraging them in the performance of their duty in this Chamber, because they are both veterans in political life and seasoned speakers, both on the platform and on the floor of parliament. I regret to some extent that the original programme as outlined, and as appears upon the address, was not carried out, so that I could extend my congratulations to my hon. friend from Kennebec who has been recently introduced into this House, and who has come out from the storm and stress of weather that seems to be blowing up within the political boundaries of Drummond and Arthabaska. I have to congratulate that hon. gentleman upon his reaching this Chamber at what I might call the psychological moment. That hon. gentleman seems to have had a measure of foresight with which the government itself has not been blessed, and I congratulate him that he so exercised his foresight as to escape from the wrath to come. Had the government displayed the same foresight which my hon. friend from Kennebec has exercised it is needless to say my hon. friend would not be in this Chamber at the

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present moment, but would doubtless be like many of his compatriots from the province of Quebec, wondering what a day may bring forth, calling upon the mountains and the hills to fall upon them and to hide them from the indignation of the electorate of the province. If the government could have rolled back the scroll and foreseen what did happen in my hon. friend's native county, we should not have had the opportunity of discussing a very interesting recent political event in that province.

I was particularly struck with what my hon. friend from Halifax said yesterday as to the undesirability of fire brands promoting racial and religious differences in Canada, and by the remarks of my hon. friend from Ottawa touching the same question, when in a rather more diplomatic way, he expressed regret that many of the people of Canada did not thoroughly understand the various important principles involved in the Naval Bill of last session.

I must say that while I have been more or less in touch with political life for some years past, more than necessary attention has been given to what seems to be a very large stock in trade of many of the political leaders of the province of Quebec. I am surprised at my friends of the Liberal party manifesting such hysteria, at the alleged disloyalty of their compatriots within that province. Ever since I can recollect political events in Canada, my attention has been more or less directed to the fact that this kind of thing is to a very large extent indulged in in that province at every by or general election, and while I am not prepared to say that the party to which I belong has absolutely kept its skirts clear of all charges which might be made along these particular lines of racial agitation yet I have no hesitation whatever in saying, that the greatest sinners of all have been my hon. friends opposite.

No party within this Dominion has profited more by promoting agitation of this character than the Liberal party. It is within the recollection of every honourable gentleman present that prominence has almost always been given to this particular class of political warfare in the province of Quebec. The chief sinner of all has been the Prime Minister himself. I