

compelling an amendment to the motion this year; to simply consider it as carried.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am not aware that there is any order in council. The subject of the uniforms is not one in which I have taken a very deep interest, and, therefore, I have not kept up with the changes made from time to time. I am quite aware that the imperial authorities have advised the government of Canada that privy councillors were entitled to more gold on their coats than they had been in the habit of using, but I do not know that it is compulsory. I have not used it myself, and I have not been reprimanded for having failed to do so. I do not know of any order in council; if there is I shall bring it down.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If the hon. gentleman will make inquiry he will find that an order in council was passed dealing with this subject. In fact, I was told by a gentleman that he had seen it—had been furnished with a copy of it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Then I stand corrected.

#### THE LATE SENATORS VIDAL AND KERR.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Before the order of the day is called it has been suggested that this would be an opportune time to make the usual reference to the death of two senators who had been with us last session and who are here no longer. The late Senator Vidal occupied a very important position in the Dominion of Canada. He had been elected for the St. Clair division at a time when the members for the Upper Chamber were elected and not nominated—I think in the year 1863. He continued to sit in the legislative council until confederation. He was not one of those who were named in the royal proclamation. I presume there were more than there were vacancies for. However, shortly after, within five years, he was summoned to this Chamber, and during the thirty-three years he sat with this body I think we can all bear testimony to the uniform courtesy that he exhibited at all times, to his remarkable equanimity of temper, of bringing calm judgment to the deliberations on every subject on which he passed an opinion. In the sessions of 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878 there was a wide-spread agitation over

this country in which he took a prominent part, to secure prohibitive legislation over large areas. I took up the question in 1878 and received material assistance from Senator Vidal in carrying that measure through this Chamber. By his advice and excellent example I have no doubt there are many men to-day who feel grateful for having adopted the good opinions he gave them in reference to this subject of total abstinence. He was at all times a very zealous advocate of teetotalism. I do not know that there is any more I can say with reference to the late senator. He left us in the fullness of years. He had been born back as far as 1819, the same year that Queen Victoria was born, and, largely due to his careful habits I think, he had kept his mind clear and ready at all times up to the very last to give sound judgment on any question that came before this Chamber. Those of us who were pained at seeing the feeble way in which he walked in and out of this Chamber so late as July last recognized that the time was coming when he would be called away, and, therefore, it was no great shock to us when we were informed of his death. The change must have been to him a happy one. I am quite sure that parting from this world involved no struggle in his case. He was quite prepared at all times to go, and he left in the fulness of time, having attained, I think, the age of 87 years.

The other death to which I desire now to allude is one that came unexpectedly and created a shock. The Hon. Senator Kerr, who sat at the end of this room, when he left us in the month of July last gave no indication that he would not be here in his usual health when the House met again. Providence, however, has willed it otherwise. He had lived the full term of the psalmist; still it did not appear from his mein and the way he carried himself. He was cheerful, bright and active and gave no indication what ever that his constitution was breaking up. The late Senator Kerr was a prominent man in the counties of Northumberland and Durham. He had been honoured by those who knew him in his own locality on very many occasions, having been elected mayor of Cobourg for a long series of years. He was highly esteemed by every one in that locality. He