

well for us to be in the fore ranks of all these propositions, because electricians have performed wonderful things, and the possibilities within their reach are yet beyond a matter of speculation. We cannot tell what may yet be worked out on these lines; so that I am entirely satisfied that the House will approve of a reasonable grant for the purpose of permitting Marconi to make further experiments in wireless telegraphy.

A paragraph of the address refers to the display made by Canada at the several expositions during the last year. It will be satisfactory to the people to understand that good results have followed from the exhibits. I had the pleasure of visiting the exhibition at Glasgow, and the Canadian product attracted very great attention there. The Canadian exhibit, among other exhibits from the colonies of this empire, were matters of very great interest to the people of Scotland as well as to the people of England, and I was advised, while in Scotland, that from the exhibit of Canada there, large trade relations had resulted with the people throughout England in the products which Canada furnished and that benefits have followed to the manufacturing interests of Canada. A conference of several representatives of the different colonies of the empire must result in advantages to the interests of Canada. I cannot help thinking, and I believe the House cannot help feeling, that these conferences between representatives of the several colonies of the empire will result in a closer and nearer relationship, beneficial alike to each of the colonies which form part of this great empire, and when these statesmen meet and discuss matters which are important and of interest to themselves in their own countries and understand what would be important in the interests of Canada, the result of such a conference must lead to good results and probably be of value to the commercial interests of our Dominion.

The last clause refers to the invitation extended to our premier to attend the coronation ceremonies of our King, Edward the Seventh, all of which will be fully appreciated by the people of Canada, and all will agree that in our present prime minister of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada is to be congratulated on her representative for this occasion. Sir Wilfrid will do hon-

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our to Canada in the conference with the other premiers who will meet at the coronation of the King, and when these great representative men from the different colonies of the empire meet, I am satisfied that good results will follow and will be evidenced not only in Canada, but will be of advantage and to the general good of the British Empire, throughout its whole extent.

I have found it somewhat difficult to make these few remarks, but I am delighted to feel that there is on the part of hon. members of this House a disposition, on occasions of this kind, to treat new members with a great deal of kindness.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not think it is at all necessary for the hon. gentlemen who moved and seconded the address to make any apology, or to express any feeling of diffidence, for the manner in which they have acquitted themselves today. I can only congratulate the government on the appointments which they have made of these two hon. gentlemen. Of course it will be understood that I am speaking altogether apart from their politics. I used that expression because I was afraid I might be misunderstood. In rising to address the House at the present moment I confess that, although not a very new member, I do so with a feeling of oppression when I reflect for a moment on the number of senators who have passed away since last session, particularly the hon. gentleman (Mr. Allan) who sat on my left, very nearly ever since I have had the honour of a seat in this Chamber. I cannot help expressing deep sorrow at the loss of a comrade, so eminent as a citizen, and one who, I think I am safe in saying, was an ideal senator.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—He was cool, calm and dignified, while at the same time a man of strong views and strong opinions. But during all my long acquaintance with him, I never heard him utter a word that could give the slightest offence to his most bitter political opponent. He was a man universally liked in the part of the Dominion in which he lived, and I am sure I utter the sentiments of every hon. senator present who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, when I say that we deeply re-