

abominable institution—the Fenian organization. (Hear, hear). Now that he is no longer amongst us, that he has passed from life to death, it is very likely that his death was the work of an assassin in that organization—the work of a brother of Cain. It is not for us at this moment to excite feelings of revenge against the perpetrator of such an abominable act, but everyone of us know this, that if Thos. D'Arcy McGee had not taken the patriotic stand which he took before and during the Fenian invasion of this country, he would not be lying a corpse this morning. At all events, Sir, every Irishman inhabiting the different Provinces of Canada, when they consider the service Thos. D'Arcy McGee rendered to them, in order to induce them not to partake in that Fenian movement in the United States, will lament his death as much as anyone of us. Now, Mr. Speaker, I will not allude to his private qualities. I have known him, and we know that of this world's goods he possessed very little. He was a poor man, but I know myself what feelings of charity swelled his heart; the little he had he was always willing to share with his poor countrymen. Although he was so gifted, although he soared so high above the ablest men in the land, did he ever show a feeling of vanity, did he ever show a feeling of pride, did he ever show by even a word that he was more gifted than anyone else in the land? No; but he used all his great power and ability, modestly, for the good of his native land and his adopted country. I do hope and trust that this great Dominion will not leave helpless his widow and his dear children. He has not been it is true, upon the field of battle; it cannot be said he met the fate of a military hero, but his end was that of a Parliamentary hero. For two or three years he knew the bad passions which existed among certain classes on the other side of the line. Again and again, he received, through newspapers and other means, warning of the fate which he met last night. Well, did that prevent him from continuing his good work of inducing his countrymen to have nothing to do with that detestable organization? No; he laboured on; and now that he is no longer amongst us, we feel that the Irish inhabitants of the Dominion will appreciate the service he has rendered to them, and that they will mingle their tears with ours to his irreparable loss. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Chamberlin said, when profound grief such as now reigns in this House weighs down men's hearts, few words are best. Yet I

am loath that we should depart ere some tribute of respect has been paid, some words of regret uttered even in this place on behalf of the fraternity of letters to which the deceased belonged. It is fit it should be spoken even though it came from a member of that which is held to be the lower branch of the literary craft to which I belong, in which, too, our deceased friend has held it no mean honour to win a distinguished place. (Hear, hear). His love of letters and the great diversity of his writings are well known. Of his diligence in promoting the cause of literature, his endeavours to promote a love of letters amid the young men of Montreal and of the whole Dominion, it has been my privilege also to know much. He has made himself known in Canada and abroad as a lecturer, essayist, historian, and poet, with so much distinction that it may be said of him, as of a celebrated countryman of his, "nihil legit quod non rara vis." Others have spoken in fitting terms of the matchless oratory with which he clothed statesmanlike thought; and of his labours to allay intestine strife and promote the highest interests of the country, for which he has lost his life; but the press and literature of Canada must also mourn to-day for their brightest light extinguished, their greatest man prematurely reft from them, as he has been from his country. (Applause).

Hon. Mr. Anglin said—I would be unworthy of my position in this House if I did not take this occasion to join in this expression of horror and detestation which I know every member of this House, every man worthy of the name of a man in this Dominion, must feel at the atrocious crime which has been committed. (Hear, hear). I feel peculiarly embarrassed on this occasion, because it has been assumed, and I fear only too correctly, that this foul assassination has been the work of an organization of Irishmen. Not, I trust, of Irishmen belonging to this Dominion, though I think it will not require much intelligence to determine that any Irishman who has enjoyed the free institutions of this country, could not be guilty of such a dastardly act. (Hear, hear). But I cannot help thinking, nevertheless, that as wherever Irishmen are, they are all one people, the crime of one will reflect on them all. I think I may speak on behalf of the whole of the Irishmen of this Dominion, I am sure I may on behalf of those of my own Province, in expressing our utter detestation of this crime. It is an outrage that will probably have a great effect