

sense of the advantage it was to this House in having for many years as its leader such a man as the late Sir John Abbott, as well as the deep appreciation of the great sacrifices which he made in the service of his country.

Hon. Mr. ARMAND—(in French)—I wish to add my tribute to the memory of our illustrious colleague who has lately departed to his long home amid the general regrets of his country. Sir John Abbott was one of these men of humble origin, practical and industrious, who appear from time to time, but rarely and at long intervals. When Sir John Abbott left the paternal roof, he carried with him for his sole patrimony a pen behind his ear. Subsequently he demonstrated to the intelligent and industrious young men of his country the truth of that saying that "Where there's a will there's a way." Sir John Abbott showed that by industry, courage, activity and perseverance one can always win honour and fortune and rise in the social scale. I need say nothing more, his career is before us. The history of his life will be a mirror in which the industrious youth of the country can study and learn the means to take to win the success which he achieved.

Hon. Mr. ALMON—I think the hon. leader of this House has omitted to mention the name of one who has left us, and one who was greatly valued here—Mr. Carvell. He was long a member of this House and was known for his geniality towards all, and his usefulness in this Chamber. He did not often address this House, but when he did his phrases were very well turned and he spoke on every subject in which his island was interested. I think the loss of the late Mr. Carvell has slipped the memory of the hon. leader of this House.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I assure the House that it was not from any want of respect or admiration for the character of the hon. senator from P.E.I., that I failed to mention his name, but I thought I was going a little beyond my duty in calling the attention of the House to the demise of Mr. Boyd, who was no longer a member of the Senate when he died. Mr. Carvell having left the Senate some four or five years ago, I frankly confess it did not just come to my mind in the same manner as in the cases of two gentlemen who were members of the House and one who had

left it since we last met. Had I thought it was my duty to call attention to it, I should have done so, and I assure the House it was not from any want of feeling for the loss of Mr. Carvell or from any want of respect for him that I have not referred to him.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON (P.E.I.) moved :

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament : namely :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable SIR JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON-GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen ; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland ; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom ; Baronet of Nova Scotia ; Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly thank your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We gratefully acknowledge the greeting which Your Excellency has given us in the Queen's name, for the first time since assuming the high functions intrusted to you by Her Majesty ; and we rejoice to hear that it is with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction you thus meet us assembled for the labours of another session of Parliament.

We are deeply gratified to feel that this satisfaction is enhanced by the opportunities which Your Excellency has already enjoyed of visiting, and in your official capacity renewing acquaintance with, several of the chief centres of the enterprise and activity of this Dominion ; to receive your assurance that you have been deeply impressed by the heartiness of the reception accorded to you as Her Majesty's Viceroy and Representative ; and that you recognize in this reception one more manifestation of the loyalty, the cordiality, and the public spirit of the Canadian people.

Your Excellency's predecessor was able to express gratification to us last year, on an increase in trade and on the continued progress of the Dominion. It is gratifying to us to observe that the expectation then formed—that the volume of trade during the then current year would exceed that of any year in the history of the Dominion—has been fully realized and that Canada's progress continues, with every mark of stability and permanence.

We hear with satisfaction Your Excellency's statement that a large proportion of this increase is shown to have been due to an extension of our commerce with Great Britain.

We cordially agree with Your Excellency that it is a cause of thankfulness that our people have been spared in a very great degree from the sufferings which have visited the populations of some