

Thibaudeau. I had the honour of his acquaintance ever since his advent to this House. He was a gentleman of keenest intellect, of the most untiring industry and of the most unflagging zeal in whatever his hand found to do. He attained a very high position of distinction in his native province, having been a member of the government of Prince Edward Island for many years. He was a member of the late Conservative administration, and unquestionably contributed to a great extent in the promotion of the best interests of agriculture in connection with that government. He was highly respected by this chamber, and contributed in no small degree to the valuable legislation which from time to time has been placed upon the statute-book by the Senate. The late Senator Perley was a gentleman with whom I was more intimately associated than almost any other member of this House. He went into the Northwest Territories in the early days when I went there, and from that time down to his death was a more or less close colleague of my own. He was a gentleman held in the very highest esteem, and he enjoyed the sympathy and the popularity of the district from which he came. He was for many years a member of the old Northwest council, and was responsible for much of the legislation placed upon the statute-book in connection with the development of the agricultural interests of what is now the province of Saskatchewan. He was also a valued member of this chamber. There was no hon. member on either side of the House more independent in his views, and more ready to express that independence of view and judgment than the late Senator Perley, and for that we all admired him. This House extends its sympathy and condolence to the families of our late colleagues in the great loss they have thus sustained.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I may be permitted to add one word, it is merely to say that I entirely agree with the remarks which have been made by the right hon. leader of the government in this House and by the hon. leader of the opposition. I entirely agree in the special references which have been made to Senator Ferguson. I

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am sure that every hon. member feels that his death was a great loss to this House and to the country. As was very properly stated, he was a most industrious member of this House, keeping himself thoroughly posted and following every question that was considered by the House. It will be very difficult to replace him. I desire also to say a word in connection with the late Senator Thibaudeau. I had been associated with him for a great many years, and, as was stated by the right hon. leader of the government, he was at one time not only financially a leader in the community in the city of Montreal, but his energy and his influence in the community and his efficiency were recognized and acknowledged through the whole Dominion. I am sure that there are a number of hon. members of this House that knew him in his best days, and the words that have been said in connection with the late Senator Thibaudeau by the hon. leader of the government and the hon. gentleman's successor are no exaggeration.

THE INSURANCE BILL.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is the hon. gentleman in a position to notify the House when the Insurance Bill will be introduced here, and is the Bill to be introduced as it was presented before prorogation last session? I have received three or four copies of the Bill as it came from the Commons, and I presume from what I have heard that the government has not made or suggested any amendments to the Bill as it was presented to us last year. If that be the case, those who have to consider its provisions will know better what course to adopt than if a number of further amendments are to be incorporated in the Bill. I frankly acknowledge that I am perhaps asking questions not usually answered, but under the circumstances, considering the importance of the subject to which I have referred, probably the hon. gentleman could give me some information.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I may say to my hon. friend that the Bill is now before me, and I propose to introduce it as soon as the debate on the ad-