

hon. leader of the Opposition, has done, but will speak of him from the two points of view in which I knew him very well. Some thirty-four years ago, Lord Strathcona, then plain Mr. Smith, was a resident of the city of Montreal. For several years he was president of the St. Andrew's Society, and, as such, Mr. Smith did more than any man that I know of to build up social life in the metropolis of Canada. He consulted the interests of the different races, and made himself known throughout Montreal, and afterwards throughout the empire, as a peace maker. Mr. Smith, at that time, as president of St. Andrew's Society, attended nearly every entertainment given by the different national societies of the metropolis—St. George's, Caledonia, St. Patrick, St. Jean Baptiste and all the others. I was at that time president of St. Patrick's Society, and one night, at the annual banquet of St. Andrew's Society, sitting next to Mr. Smith, I said: 'Mr. Smith, how can you, at your age, go around to all these entertainments, concerts, balls and banquets?' He was about sixty-three, and I was a young man, and I told him that I found it hard enough to go to these entertainments, and he said: 'My dear Cloran, take my advice when you go to these places, especially the banquets, be frugal and eat little. You see what I am doing—eating very little.' I took his advice, and I think it was good. Sir Donald Smith was at the head of all movements to promote unity and to consolidate all the nationalities which make up the population of Canada. In that work, I think he accomplished as much for Canada as in the building of the Canadian Pacific railway. He bound the hearts of the people by the threads of love, and that is a noble work. It is true he bound the extremities of Canada by a band of steel. That was also a courageous work, but Mr. Smith, before he became Lord Strathcona, was laying the foundation of a happy nationhood in this country. Before he started in this courageous work of building up Canada's industries and developing them, he was uniting the hearts of the people. When questions of race and creed arose in this country, Lord Strathcona showed himself to be a peacemaker. On the two points I have mentioned, I wish to add my tribute to his memory as a great social—I will not say reformer—but social uplifter and peacemaker. His name remains in the hearts of the people as such, as well as the builder of an empire and as the advance agent of a great nation.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, January 22, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

DEBATE RESUMED.

The Orders of the Day being called:

Further consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General's speech on the occasion of the opening of the third session of the twelfth Parliament, and the motion of Colonel the hon. Mr. Mason, seconded by the hon. Mr. Thorne, that an humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General in answer thereto.—

Hon. Sir GEORGE ROSS (Middlesex)—In speaking of the question before the House, my first word must be one of congratulation to the mover and seconder of the motion, upon which we will express a final opinion later on. We had from the mover of this resolution just such a speech as I expected from an hon. gentleman of his experience in finance, in banking, and in the administration of affairs of large financial corporations. I congratulate him upon the moderate view, shall I say the well balanced view, which he appeared to take of the financial situation. I do not agree with those who say that the sky is cloudless. I think it is by no means cloudless, nor could I agree with those who say that we are on the verge of a very serious financial depression. I think our position is one midway between the two. There have been more prosperous times in Canada than we have to-day, and there have been times of greater depression. It may take a year or two, as my hon. friend has said, before we pass through our present condition, into more hopeful and more prosperous conditions. But with the exercise of due discrimination, on the part of our large banking corporations, and with the natural swing of the pendulum, which I trust will come to Canada, as it comes to other countries similarly situated, the time may soon arrive when the sky will be cleared, and when Canada can march on with her large giant-like strides towards a greater financial and commercial prosperity. Of course, if we fol-