

can see his like amongst us. I think there can be no doubt upon the mind of anyone who has watched the events of the last few years in our country, in connection with events in his own distant native land, that he has fallen a victim to the noble and patriotic course which he has pursued in this country—having been assassinated by one of those who are alike the enemies of our country and of mankind. (Hear, hear). I cordially sympathize with all that has been uttered by the honourable gentleman at the head of the Government in making this motion, and I have no fear that the generosity of Canadians will fail when it comes to be considered what we owe to his memory, and what we owe to his family. I would gladly, if I could, speak for a few minutes regarding the position he held among us; but I cannot do more to-day than simply record my full appreciation of his public character as an orator, a statesman and a patriot, and express the fervent hope that his family, thus suddenly bereaved of him who was at once their support and their shield, will not, so far as the comforts of this life can be afforded, suffer by his death; and that all the consolation that can be given by those who have been long his companions in public life, by that sentiment of universal sorrow which prevails in every heart, will be brought to the hearts of those more immediately connected with him—his wife and children. This is the first instance we have had in our country of any of our public men being stricken down by the hand of an assassin; and grief for our loss and grief for his family are mingled in my mind with a profound feeling of shame and regret that such a thing could, by any possibility, happen in our midst; and I can only hope that the efforts to be made by the Government will lead to the discovery that to an alien hand is due the sorrow that now clouds not only this House but the whole community. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. Cartier—Mr. Speaker,—I will state at the outset that my heart is filled with feelings of the deepest sorrow. I had the pleasure and delight, in common with all the members of the House, to listen last night to the charming eloquence of one who was my colleague in the representation of the City of Montreal; and no one expected at that moment that any one of us should be here speaking to-day on such a lamentable evil as that which befell us immediately after the adjournment of the House. I feel much deep regret at this moment that I am not gifted with the power of speech, that power of

[Mr. Mackenzie (Lambton).]

description, that power of eloquence, which distinguished our departed friend. I could make use of such power to bring fresh before you, Sir, and before this House, in proper language, the great loss we have suffered, the loss the country has suffered, and the loss mankind has suffered in the death of Thomas D'Arcy McGee. Our colleague, Mr. McGee, was not an ordinary man. He was, I may say, one of those great gifted minds whom it pleases Providence sometimes to set before the world in order to show to what a height the intellect of man can be exalted by the Almighty. Mr. McGee adopted this land of Canada as his country, but although this was the land of adoption, he never ceased to love his mother country, his dear old Ireland. In this adopted land of his he did all in his power, in order that his countrymen should be rendered as happy as possible, whether their lot was cast in this country, in Ireland, or in any part of this globe where an Irishman had set his foot. Mr. McGee, though very young, had a great deal of experience. He was connected with political events in Ireland in 1848; and there is not the least doubt that those painful times caused him to give the deepest consideration to those political evils. Though he was, as described by my honourable friend the leader of the Government, a man of impulse, a man of genius, and of wisdom, it is very seldom we meet a man on earth having those fine gifts, who was so judicious as our late colleague. He was educated, as it were, for the benefit of his country. He is no longer among us, and I suppose all of my listeners at this moment will say with me that it has not been given to any one of us to have ever listened to so eloquent a public man. Every one of us shares in the conviction that such happiness, such delight will never be given hereafter to any one of us during our lifetime. He has left us; he has left behind him expressions of his feelings, of patriotism, and an immense amount of evidence that no Irishman on earth loved so much dear Ireland as he did. Mr. Speaker, I cannot but allude at this moment to that foreign organization in the land inhabited by our neighbours. There is not the least doubt that Mr. McGee, by warning the Irishmen of Canada not to join in that detestable organization, rendered the great service that an Irishman can render to his country. (Hear, hear.) He acquired for the Irish inhabitants of Canada the inestimable reputation of loyalty, and of freedom from any participation in the hateful, detestable feelings and doings of the members of that