

so heartily said by the hon. gentlemen who have preceded me with respect to the great loss we all feel at our old friend having left us, yet I cannot silently allow this motion to pass without saying a few words. I have known the late Mr. Bourinot as long as my hon. friend from Amherst, and all he has said, and what has been said by the hon. leader of the Government and by the leader of the Opposition I heartily concur in. The Island of Cape Breton was always his key-note, and he was earnest and zealous in the advocacy of the rights of that island as well as of the interests of the Province of Nova Scotia and of the Dominion generally. I cannot say anything more than what has been said, and I feel deeply the loss which must fall on Nova Scotia, and particularly on the island of Cape Breton in the death of our late respected friend.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Scott, that out of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Mr. John Bourinot, this house do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 3.30 p. m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 23rd Jan., 1884.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

RETURN.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL laid on the table a return containing information relative to the employees in the civil service of Canada. He said: It gives the information which was asked for by an address in this House in which my hon. friend from DeSalaberry has taken a great interest, and although it is not specifically spoken of leaf by leaf as a return to this address, it is so substantially.

HON. MR. KAULBACH.

THE ADDRESS.

THE DEBATE CONTINUED.

The order of the day having been called, "Resuming adjourned Debate on the Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to His Excellency's Speech on opening the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament."

HON. MR. MACDONALD said—I do not intend to comment on the Speech from the Throne in detail: that has been very ably and eloquently done by the mover and seconder of the Address; nor do I intend replying to the speech of the hon. gentleman from Ottawa; nor to that of the hon. gentleman from Halifax. I cannot say that I have much fault to find with their criticism on the paragraph in the Speech which refers to the settlement with British Columbia.

The hon. gentleman from Halifax made statements and went into details which more properly belong to a later stage of the session. He has magnified figures in the British Columbia arrangement and compared that Province to a "spoiled child," a comparison not applicable in the smallest degree. The hon. gentleman must know that our Province joined the federation with her eyes open and in possession of all her faculties, and no province has stood more on its own bottom than British Columbia. The hon. gentleman must remember that that Province never asked for better terms—and never received any. We never asked for anything beyond the conditions of union.

I am much gratified to hear that the questions in dispute between the Dominion and the Provincial Government have been arranged, subject to ratification by Parliament, in a manner satisfactory to both Governments.

No doubt this happy adjustment is mainly due to the tact, experience and ability of the Hon. Minister who visited the Province in an official capacity last year.

It afforded myself and many others very great pleasure to welcome the Honorable Minister of Justice to our western shores, but I am afraid he did not have that rest and relaxation so necessary after such a long and fatiguing journey. He worked too hard during the whole of his stay.