

and able to use them, will be no incubus to Canada. These are the men we want; we do not want those who wish to live by their wits alone. We can breed all that we want of those in the west. It is very pleasing to one who has lived in the west since the early days to note the advancement of the last eight or nine years. In the eighties we hoped, we feared, we doubted. The light would shine for a short time and then die out. In the early nineties we despaired—the long looked for—the long hoped for prosperity came not; and all was gloom and depression; but our day has come and, as His Excellency has remarked, we in the west are a happy and contented population. The construction of new railways is, to my mind, the important factor in our advancement. Transportation facilities are what we require. The first train of the Canadian Northern that entered Edmonton, transformed the country between Edmonton and Winnipeg. It lowered rates; it gave us better service, not only on its own line but over every existing line. With the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific we shall, I hope, see a very much greater change. Railways are good servants, but very poor masters—so we consider in the west. They are not constructed for the health alone of the promoters. They are not operated exclusively for the convenience of their patrons. They are operated chiefly to declare dividends. They will give good service, and they would give fair rates when compelled so to do. Nothing will compel them but competition. Therefore we in the west say give us railway competition, and all that you can. In one way it was a happy choice of the House when it chanced on my hon. friend the hon. member from New Glasgow (Mr. McGregor) and my unworthy self to father this motion. He represents the extreme east, whilst I represent, I might almost say, the extreme west; he the lowest elevation, I very nearly the highest elevation. We from our extreme corners can stretch forth our arms and embrace all the immense territories between us and clasp hands and thank our Maker for the many mercies he has showered and is still showering upon our beloved Canada, I move, seconded by Hon. Mr. McGregor:

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada,

May it please Your Excellency:—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. McGREGOR—The hon. mover of the address has announced that I am to follow him as seconder. I cannot plead youth and inexperience in this chamber and crave indulgence on that score. In the first place, let me thank the leader of the House for giving me the opportunity of seconding the address. I may tell the hon. gentleman from Lethbridge (Hon. Mr. DeVeber) that he will receive, as I have received on every occasion when I have attempted to address the House, the consideration of members on both sides. I remember the first time I had the honour of addressing the Senate, I was complimented on my attempt by the hon. leader of the opposition, a kindness I have never forgotten. On the few occasions that I have addressed the House since, I have never wearied them with long speeches, and I crave indulgence from that fact, having occupied so little time in the past, though I may say I do not intend to speak at any length at present. If in the remarks which I am about to make I follow in the same line as the hon. mover of the address, I ask your indulgence. My mind is not quick enough to enable me to shift my thoughts into new lines, and I had arranged my thoughts before hearing the speech of the hon. mover of the address.

Reference has been made, and the mover has also spoken of it, to the sad bereavement which Queen Alexandra has sustained by the death of her father, the King of Denmark. Many of us are old enough to remember the great rejoicing that took place in England and throughout the empire when our beloved Queen became Princess of Wales, and how she captured the hearts of the British people, and we all know that she has held them firmly ever since. Their love and admiration for her has deepened and increased as the years have gone by, and in no part of her vast dominions is the