

lency the Governor General for his speech at the opening of the second session of the eleventh parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I move that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

#### DECEASED SENATORS.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I propose to move the adjournment of the House, but before doing so I should like to say a few words as to the loss this House has sustained since we last met by the death of three hon. members well known to all of us, one on the government side and two on the side of my hon. friend. The late Senator Thibaudeau was one of the oldest members of this House, and while I am not aware that he took a very active part in our debates, I believe I am perfectly within the knowledge of all these hon. gentlemen who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance in saying that Senator Thibaudeau was a man whom we all respected and liked. He had occupied at one time a very prominent position in mercantile life, and after that a position of importance in the city of Montreal. He was, I think, within three or four of being the oldest member of this House. His appointment was almost the last act of my lamented friend Alexander Mackenzie, and I think I am quite justified in saying that his appointment was one which, in his own province in particular, was extremely well received by his political opponents. We have also had to regret the loss of one of the pioneers of the Northwest in the person of the late Senator Perley. He was a man who took his full share in the early struggles, and they were very severe struggles, which marked the development of that country, and I believe he was one of those who contributed in his own person very considerably, by his energy and enterprise, to the development of that particular section which he represented. I can testify that wherever the interests of his former constituents were concerned, Mr. Perley was always active and anxious to do everything he could for the people he represented. The last gentleman

whose loss we regret was one who has occupied a very prominent and important position in this House, the late Mr. Ferguson. Everybody who had the pleasure of that hon. gentleman's acquaintance will bear testimony to the zeal and assiduity with which he discharged his duty. He was a man of indefatigable industry, and I am bound to say that on many occasions, listening to him, I have been surprised at the pains and trouble which he had taken to make himself thoroughly familiar with the questions which came before us. In him the House has sustained a serious loss, and I only hope that we will be able to replace him in due time with some gentleman who will be as useful and as distinguished a member of this House as Mr. Ferguson had been. I need say no more. We all extremely regret that these gentlemen should have been taken away from us, and there is this consolation, that they all departed in the fullness of years and honours, and that they carried with them our sincere regrets and their families will have the sincere sympathy of all the hon. gentlemen of this House.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I join in the tribute of respect and regret which has been so feelingly expressed by my right hon. friend with reference to the death of our lamented colleagues Senators Thibaudeau, Perley and Ferguson. Although those hon. gentlemen had passed the allotted span of life, yet as they passed to and fro in this chamber and participated in our discussions and deliberations, I venture to say that it seemed to all of us that they had scarcely reached the meridian of their powers. The Senate will unquestionably suffer a very great loss in the departure of those three hon. gentlemen. The late Senator Thibaudeau was not so well known to me as the other two gentlemen; but he has been a member of this House for I think thirty years or more. He had occupied a high position in his own province commercially and politically. So far as I can learn he enjoyed the highest favours and offices of his party and was undoubtedly highly esteemed in his native province. The late Senator Ferguson was a man who was more intimately associated with me than Senator