

Weights and Measures bill also. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. FERRIER moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Consolidated Statutes, Cap. 53. He explained it was proposed to allow religious and charitable institutions to charge for loans at the rate of eight per cent. Hitherto they could only invest at six.

A MEMBER Is it religion or charity to ask more? (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. FERRIER explained, in answer to questions, the bill was to apply to future, not to past transactions.

Motion carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the House adjourned, a little before ten p. m.

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TUESDAY, May 20.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said it was with sincere pain that he announced to the House the fact of a telegram having been received, declaring the death of Sir George Cartier in London, at six o'clock this morning. There were many members of that House who had differed from Sir George Cartier in political matters during his lifetime; but although they had opposed him, he (Mr. Campbell) was sure all would regret the death of their colleague, and sympathize with him in his expression of regret for the loss the country had sustained. When the history of this country came to be written, there would be no one who would occupy a more prominent place among the names of those who had taken a principal part in advancing its welfare, and contributing to its prosperity, than Sir George Cartier. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. CHAPUIS cordially endorsed what had fallen from the last speaker, adding his feeling testimony to the great worth of the lamented deceased.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said he did not wish at that period of the session to ask the Government to deviate from any rule laid down by them in regard to occasions of that kind; but he thought it would be but a fitting tribute to the memory of their late colleague to ask the Government to mark their respect for him by adjourning the House. He had almost always differed from the opinions held by the late Sir George Cartier, but felt that the country had sustained a great loss in his death. He should be happy to support any motion made to adjourn.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said he did not think it desirable to adjourn the House.

Hon. Dr. CARRALL did not ask the Government to adjourn the House, but he thought in the present case it should do so. He said the sad event had taken him by surprise, and he looked upon it with the deepest regret. In the death of Sir George Cartier, the British Empire had lost one of her noblest sons; he was one of the ablest of her legislators, and entirely free from all sectarian or impure motives in his public life. He would ask the Government to reconsider the determination to go on with the business of the House, as it would be but becoming in it to adjourn.

Hon. Mr. ARMAND could only add his tribute of sorrow on the death of Sir George Cartier, who had been always ready to carry out anything which was for the best interests of the Dominion. His death was a most serious loss to the country generally, and it was right honorable gentlemen should join in paying any just tribute to his memory.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER said he could scarcely trust himself to speak. The painful news which had been so suddenly conveyed to him had shocked him so greatly that he could not collect his thoughts sufficiently to speak as he would wish to do upon so solemn an occasion. Sir George Cartier had been a warm friend of his for years. He had been his adviser whenever he had needed counsel, and never had that counsel been anything but the wisest and soundest, and always to be relied upon. He felt that the public had suffered a great loss, and one from which it would not readily recover.

The Hon. the SPEAKER, who left the Chair for the floor of the House, and appeared to be deeply moved, said that he could not allow the occasion to pass without paying an humble tribute to the memory of the illustrious and lamented statesman, whose intimate friend he had been for so many years. He had certainly not much to add to the very appropriate remarks that had been made by other Senators. Their sentiments would find a response, an echo throughout the whole country—indeed they were nothing more than what were expressed at this very moment by all friends of their country in every part of the Dominion. He knew that whatever their political opinions or feelings might be, all friends of the country appreciated the great talents, the noble qualities of Sir George Cartier. He was not a man of a Province merely, but he was a man of the Dominion, nay of the Empire. His loss would be felt everywhere.