

other countries, Canada is quite able to paddle her own canoe. Then I may say that the immigration in the North-west is very gratifying. It is said that fifty thousand immigrants entered that country last year, and that fifteen thousand which number came from the United States which is an advance over any previous year. There is just one other point with which I will trouble this honourable House to-day, and that is with reference to the expansion of our trade by the opening up of our canals, the extension of our railways and the facilities given for cheap transportation to the seaports of the Dominion. We have in the province of New Brunswick, in St. John, expended a large amount of money in facilitating the exportation of western goods to England. We are prepared to do a large amount of that export trade, and I do hope that hereafter, as is indicated in the speech from the Throne, a larger proportion of western trade will be exported through our own Canadian seaports.

#### NEW SENATORS.

The following newly appointed Senators were introduced and took their seats :

Hon. ROBERT WATSON, of Portage la Prairie, Man., *vice* Hon. John Sutherland, deceased.

Hon. FINLAY M. YOUNG, of Killarney, Man., *vice* Hon. C. A. Boulton, deceased.

#### THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL resumed the debate. He said : I may be permitted to congratulate the House on the acquisition to its debating talent, after having listened to the hon. gentleman who moved the address in answer to the speech from the Throne. I frankly admit that my knowledge of the French language is not such as to fully appreciate his remarks, but from what I could glean from them, they breathe that spirit of patriotism and loyalty to the Crown which I am quite sure actuated his ancestors, and I am glad to know that they are the views of a vast majority of the people of this country. Irrespective of their nationality. I had the pleasure for a good many years of sitting opposite my friend (Hon. Mr. Burpee), who is well on in years like myself, in the House of Commons,

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and I could not help smiling when he asked the indulgence of the House for a young member. True he is a young member in the Senate, but like myself he is rather an old experienced legislator. He had, with myself, the honour, for such I may deem it, of occupying a seat in the House of Commons for a number of years, and it has always been my pleasure to be on the opposite side from him. We have smiled at each other occasionally across the floor, and I hope for many years to come we may be able to occupy similar positions. Before dealing with the subjects mentioned in the address, I should like to ask the leader of the government why the Senate has not been treated with the same courtesy which was extended to the House of Commons in the matter of the correspondence between the Imperial government and this government, and all other correspondence relating to the sending of the contingents from Canada to South Africa. Those of us who have had a little experience in parliamentary practice were rather amused, if not surprised, at the little, shall I say dodge—perhaps that would be unparliamentary—but the little by-play between the Premier and the gentleman who resigned his seat in the House of Commons in protestation of the course pursued by the Premier in asking for the enrolment of 1,000 volunteers to send to the Transvaal without calling parliament together. When the motion was put for the debate on the address, the right hon. gentleman, the leader of the lower House, turned around, indicating that there was an understanding between these two gentlemen, who agree so admirably upon the course which he had pursued, to ask for an adjournment. The adjournment was asked for, and he condescendingly consented to give it. During my 30 years of parliamentary experience, I have no recollection of ever having witnessed a scene of that kind, or seen a course of that character pursued. I have often heard the leader of the opposition demand from the government of the day the production of certain papers before proceeding with the address. But I never yet saw my old and venerated leader, Sir John Macdonald, accede to such a proposition, the constitutional practice and principle being that on all occasions the address from the Governor should be