

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mills, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Scott, it was Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words :—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
FRIDAY, 8th February, 1901.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honours that this House has passed an Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, expressing the deep and heartfelt sorrow of this House at the demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and requesting that their Honours will unite with this House in the said Address.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

JOHN GEO. BOURINOT,  
*Clerk of the Commons.*

The said Address to His Majesty was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty :*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

In common with our fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire, we deplore the loss of a great ruler whose manifold and exalted virtues have for three generations commanded the respect and admiration of the world.

As representatives of the Canadian people, we mourn for the beloved Sovereign under whom our Dominion first rose into being, and to whose wise and beneficent sway are due in no small measure its growth and prosperity.

May we venture to add that above and beyond these sentiments which the sad occasion naturally calls forth, there has come to each one of us a sense of personal bereavement which, we say it with all possible respect and duty, makes Your Majesty's sorrow our own.

We pray that the God of consolation may comfort Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family in this affliction.

It is with feelings not less deep and sincere than those to which we have just given utterance that we hail Your Majesty's accession to the Throne of your ancestors. We beg to assure Your Majesty of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's person and government, and to express our unbounded confidence that the glory and the greatness of the British Empire abroad, and the happiness and well-being of Your Majesty's people at home, will suffer no diminution under Your Majesty's gracious rule.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mills, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the said Address be taken into consideration by the Senate to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the First Item on the Orders of that day.

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate,—The Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, for the year ended October 31, 1900.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)