

what has been said on this subject. I desire to have an opportunity of proving that this House is as capable of placing in proper form and shape measures affecting the commercial community, and in fact any other measures, but more especially those such as are promised, and I refer to them now—as any other body sitting in any other place can possibly be; and I venture to think, also, that in accordance with the theory expressed a little while ago, in the absence of that political acrimony which some popular assemblies are in the habit of displaying, we can give those measures a greater proportion of time and a more dispassionate and careful and calm consideration than they would receive in another place. I hope that during the present Session we shall have an opportunity of supporting the faith that is in us by taking up some of those very important commercial measures which His Excellency promises us; and I am sure, from what I know of this House and the committees of this House, that the result will be that we shall be found to have done them justice. I believe that last Session the efforts that we made to improve legislation were highly considered in other quarters, and I have no doubt whatever that the same result will follow on this occasion.

The motion was agreed to.

DEATH OF SENATOR TRUDEL.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—It is my melancholy duty to lay before the House a telegram which I have just received, announcing the fact that our esteemed colleague, Senator Trudel, has just departed this life.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (A), "An Act to amend the Railways Act." (Mr. McCallum.)

The Senate adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, January 20th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (B) "An Act to amend Cap. 148 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, respecting

the improper use of firearms and other weapons." (Mr. Read.)

THE LATE SENATOR TRUDEL.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to express what I am sure must be the sentiments of this House, and which are undoubtedly my own sentiments, as to the untimely and much to be regretted loss which we sustained last week by the death of our late honored colleague, the Hon. Mr. Trudel. Although, doubtless, he and I differed on many points connected with the government of the country, and he and other gentlemen also differed, still no one can deny that whatever position or course he thought fit to assume or advocate in the House, he always acted with the most perfect courtesy, with great ability, and in every respect in a manner to recommend him to his colleagues in the Senate, as a gentleman in every way worthy the distinguished position which he held in this Chamber. Everyone must admit the great ability which distinguished him during a moderately long career in public life as an advocate, as a journalist, and as a public man. We must all feel the deepest regret that the country should be deprived of his valuable services at so early a stage in his career, when he was practically in the prime of life, but such is the dispensation of Providence, and we can only submit. It is only due to his memory that I should say, and I am sure that I express the feelings of everyone here, how much we regret the loss that this House and the country have sustained by his death.

HON. MR. SCOTT. I feel that it is quite unnecessary that I should add anything to what has fallen from the leader of the House. I am sure that the observations which he has made find a ready echo in the breast of every gentleman present. Our lamented friend, Senator Trudel, was a man who was highly respected. As the leader of the House has said, he was a man of very marked individuality, but everyone must have been struck with the very great sincerity of his convictions. He always spoke what he felt; there was no dissimulation in his character. He was a man who acted up to the impulses of his own nature. He was honorable, fair-minded and generous on every occasion,