

the Senate has lost in them, as well as in the person of Mr. Girard, not only amiable companions but men whose great desire was to see this Dominion prosperous. I shall not enlarge upon this painful question, and I can only repeat that it is with very great sorrow and regret I feel that it has devolved upon me, on my first appearance in this House, to give expression to my own feelings, and as I believe, the feelings of all who had the honour and pleasure of knowing these gentlemen.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I cordially unite in the expression of deep regret to which we have listened, and appreciation of the characters of the gentlemen who are no longer members of this Chamber, who were with us last year and are now removed to another sphere. Senator Girard, as the hon. leader of this House very properly observed, was intimately connected with all matters appertaining to the North-west. He had been a resident of that country from an early period, since Confederation, and he invariably took a deep interest in all that concerned Manitoba and the North-west. The other two gentlemen, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Grant, were men of sterling character, men who were not obtrusive, who did not often obtrude their opinions before this House, but whose judgment was always regarded as sound and useful on the committees on which they served. Mr. Stevens had a long and practical knowledge of banking, having been intimately connected with banking institutions. He was a man of particularly well balanced and intelligent mind, especially in matters connected with finance. Mr. Grant, unfortunately, for many years suffered from deafness and was not able, therefore, to join, as he otherwise might have done, in the deliberations of this Chamber, being unable to hear at times what was going on. He was a man always respected, however, and who earned the esteem of members of the Senate with whom he came in contact. I am sure we all join sincerely in expressing deep regret at the deaths of these gentlemen.

Hon. Mr. PRIMROSE—I shall ask you to bear with me for just one moment while I attempt to pay my humble tribute to my late friend and predecessor, the Hon. Robert Patterson Grant, of Pictou. I knew him long, I knew him intimately, I knew him in

business relations and I knew him in social relations, and, as I said to his widow, on paying my farewell visit to her, when leaving my native town, I wish here publicly, on the floor of the Senate Chamber of the Dominion, to state that if, when my own record is done, if when to me the supreme hour comes, I shall have retained in the same measure as my late hon. friend and predecessor did, the confidence, respect and esteem of all who knew him and the love of those who knew him best, I shall rest perfectly satisfied. This much I deem it my simple duty to say in regard to my late friend.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER (in French)—As the successor of the late Mr. Girard in this House, I feel it my duty, as it is my privilege, to say a few words on this subject. I am pleased to hear of the esteem in which he was held in this House. Our late friend took a deep interest in everything that was calculated to benefit the Dominion and especially Manitoba and the North-west Territories. I thank the hon. leader of the Senate for his kind references to my honoured predecessor in this House.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON moved :

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this session.

We rejoice that Your Excellency, in meeting us at the commencement of another session of Parliament, has the pleasure of congratulating us on the continued progress which the history of the past year unfolds with regard to Canada.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that the increase in trade, as illustrated by the exports and imports during the period for which the official returns have been prepared, has been most gratifying, and has continued down to the present time, with promise that the volume of trade during the current year will exceed that of any year in the history of the Dominion.