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The HON. SIR S. W. GRIFFITH said: Mr. Speaker,—I wish to say only one or two words in addition to what has fallen from the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government. It has been my good fortune to serve under His Excellency for several years, and I have thus had better opportunities than most men of knowing his character and many personal qualities. I believe there was no officer in the service of the Queen who had larger experience of government than he had under almost every form of constitution under which colonies exist. During his long career he had acquired a very large amount of information from the vast stores of which he was always willing and able to assist those who were charged with the administration of the Government. I believe Her Majesty has lost a most able and devoted servant, and I am sure that the colony has lost a most amiable and respected Governor, whose only object and desire was to advance the best interests of the country over which he ruled.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to 4 o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 9 October, 1888.

Death of His Excellency the Governor.

The SPEAKER took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The PREMIER (Sir T. McIlwraith) said: Mr. Speaker,—The announcement made in this morning's paper of the death of His Excellency the Governor must have come upon the community with a great shock. When we consider how universally His Excellency was esteemed and appreciated throughout the colony, the sad intelligence of his death cannot fail to be received with feelings of a most painful character, and I am sure the shock has been felt by members of this House as much as by other members of the community. I do not think this is an appropriate occasion for me to make a speech on the subject of our late lamented Governor. He had throughout his career enjoyed the personal respect and, I may say, the love of the people of the colony.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

The PREMIER: And I believe that those who knew him best loved him most.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

The PREMIER: I think we should show as much respect to his memory as we possibly can, and I do not think we can do that better than by adjourning from business for this day. I, therefore, Mr. Speaker, now move that this House do now adjourn.