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The Debate on the Address.

THE forms of parliament require a Speech from the Throne, written out by the Government, and a Reply from Parliament endorsing the Speech. All other proceedings are suspended pending the adoption of the reply. That reply was moved on Monday in the House of Commons by Mr. E. M. Macdonald, member for Pictou, N.S., and seconded by Mr. George Parent, member for Montmorency, Que.

Mr. Macdonald's speech was most admirable, both as to the matter and manner of delivery. Its keynote was Canada, her unity, development, and great future. "Canada first, last and forever", he put it. He deprecated hasty schemes for the solution of the Imperial problems and declared against the appropriation of our taxes unless they were spent under our supervision. Naturally Mr. Macdonald boasted of coming from a province which returned its whole quota of members to support the Liberal leader. He closed with an appeal for unity and progress.

Mr. Parent is the youngest member of



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The leader of the House