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The first installment of the Parliamentary "Hansard" comes to hand this week, with much amusing reading therein. Some of the repartee is up-to-date. Mr. Cockshutt, of Brantford, for instance.

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Mr. Cockshutt, discussing the immigration question, made a statement that "Five hundred people are now being fed in the city of Toronto." It has been generally understood that some three hundred thousand odd are being fed in the Queen City.

Mr. H. S. Clements, of West Kent, made a few rather pointed remarks. Speaking of the member for South Grey (Mr. Miller) he said:

"I have never taken enough interest in the honorable gentleman to know what his ordinary avocation in life is, but judging from his face I would take him for a local preacher out in some rural district, who would be ready at all times to discard his religion for party politics."

Later Mr. Clements was called to order by the Speaker.

Of course, all this is not the negotiation of the country's business.

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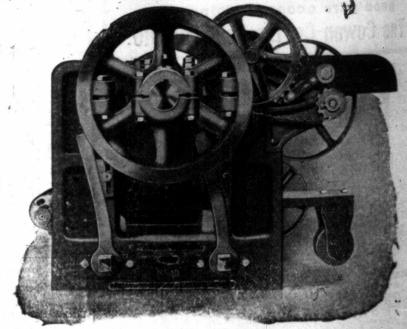
Wasting time seems to adequately express such indulgence in personalities and caustic sarcasm.

Mr. E. N. Lewis (West Huron) well summed up the prevalence of the personal element thus: "For the last four or five days the heavyweights of Parliament have been pounding each other across the floor of this House with political missiles, not always under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. If it were permissible for a stranger to be in the gallery and see this House opened with prayer, he might be reminded of the remark made by a celebrated after-dinner speaker at the Pilgrim Club in New York; 'When the pilgrim fathers first landed on this, to them, foreign shore, they fell upon their knees, they then grabbed their battle-axes and fell upon the aborigines."

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