

transact, would discharge that business in less time than we did in this Province. He was afraid if these dilatory tactics continued the public of the Province would properly come to the conclusion that the only place where time was of no value was in the House of Assembly. Rush matters! Why every member of the Opposition who could speak had spoken upon every conceivable subject, relevant and irrelevant ad libitum. The debate had been adjourned again and again to suit the convenience of members opposite. The work of the Public Accounts Committee was held up and the public generally were questioning the bona fides of our transactions. Apparently the hon. gentleman's sole idea was that there was virtue in long sessions and long drawn out hair splitting debates. Like poor Martha of Gospel days, he (Mr. T.) was "careful and troubled about many things." And these were little things. And yet the hon. gentleman complains that we are anxious to rush things! It is well for the Province that things are not in charge of the hon. gentleman, if this is his idea of rushing things. The hon. gentleman opposite had gone over the whole ground. Yet, when he had finished, he concluded with the bare assertion that there were many things to be done in this Province. He did not suggest nor give this House nor this country, one practical suggestion in regard to the things left undone that should be done, or done that should be undone, or what his party intended to do about them. He has no fault to find with his hon. friend's criticism because we courted criticism, but what he would say was that a gentleman aspiring to the leadership of a great party in this Province, with his Parliamentary experience, might have done better than to conclude a four hours' speech with the simple declaration that there were many things to do, without indicating what they were, and what he would do. Such an attitude indicated a hopeless and a helpless party and was impracticable nonsense.

#### CRAZY QUILT POLITICS.

Not only did the hon. gentleman as the leader of his party not suggest anything or formulate anything, but if the intimations that fell from some of his supporters indicate anything, they would indicate ideas of the most varied and incoherent character. Joseph's coat of many colors was plain. They were all strong in their admonition to practice retrenchment and economy. Yet what was the attitude of the Hon. Member for Antigonish (Mr. O'Brien). He asserted with that emphasis so becoming to him, that he would spend larger amounts of our Provincial moneys on the roads, he would increase the grant of elementary education to \$600,000. He would also spend large sums of public money to improve rural social conditions, et cetera. And yet with all this ambitious programme for expensive social reform, they talked about extravagance and retrenchment.

The same hon. member had no objections to the Technical College, but claimed that it should be maintained by the Federal Government. With that position he (Hon. Mr. A.) would not take issue, but how could such a desirable thing be brought about, expected or sought for in view of the opposition and bitter antagonism of some of his fellow members towards that institution and who openly and publicly declared the