

What work did Mr. Gauthier do outside of his political speeches ? Mr. Plante, member for Beauharnois, will enlighten us.

On the 11th of April, Mr. Plante interpolated the Government, and the following is what Mr. Gouin replied to him.

(1).—"Has the Government instructed Mr. L. G. Gauthier, advocate, of Montreal, to report from time to time on the preliminary work he has been directed to do in connection with the revision of the Municipal Code." ?

Answer : "Yes," by the Department of the General Attorney.

"When has he to make such reports ?"

Answer : "There is no specified date."

(3).—"Has he made any report to date to the Government, on the work of the revision of the Municipal Code entrusted to him by the latter ?"

Answer : "He has made VERBAL REPORTS."

(See Jour. Leg. Ass., 1910, page 137.)

Is there a more cynical way of fooling the people and its representatives ?"

On the 2nd of June, 1910, the Honourable Mr. Prevost proposed the following motion :

#### MOTION OF MR. PREVOST.

"The Honourable Mr. Prevost moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. D'Auteuil, that all the words after "that," to the end of the question, be left out and replaced by the following :

"While willing to vote the supplies to His Majesty, this House disapproves and blames the Government for paying to Mr. L. J. Gauthier, former member for L'Assomption, since the 11th of August, 1908, a remuneration or salary of \$2,000 a year, to undertake preliminary studies with a view to the revision, consolidation and amendment of the Municipal Code, and this, although Mr. Gauthier has not yet made any written report of his studies (see Votes and Proceedings, Leg. Ass., 1910, page 149), and it considers said payment to be irregular and an abuse, and to constitute a reprehensible squandering of the public's moneys."

The question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follows :

Yeas.—Messrs. Bernard, Bourassa, Cousineau, D'Auteuil, Dorris, Gault, Giard, Langlois (Montreal Division No. 3), Lavergne, Pate-naude, Plante, Prevost, Sauve, Sylvestre and Tellier—15.