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At The Federal Capital

At the end of two weeks
debating on the address and the
amendment of the Leader of the
Opposition, the division hardly
yet seems in sight. A number
of members on both sides of the
House have expressed their desire
to continue the discussion. A
considerable change has come
over the nature of the debate
since the opening day. In the
beginning, the Leader of the
Opposition and his friends were
in very high spirits, and were
disposed to be extremely unyield-
ing on any point that might
serve to expedite the conduct
of business from day to day. At
that time a number of members
of the Government side of the
House had not reached Ottawa.
Some were absent from the
country, and unfortunately, quite
a number were ill and unable to
get to the capital for the opening.
The Leader of the Opposition
took advantage of all these
accidental circumstances and left
no doubt of his intention to bring
about a division as early a
date as possible, in the hope that
the Government majority, in con-
sequence of the circumstances
just described, would be consid-
erably reduced. A very strong
evidence of the uncompromising
position assumed by the Opposi-
tion is that they refused to grant
pairs with Government absent
members. Generally speaking,
this is a courtesy that is not
refused, but a new departure had
been taken by the Opposition,
and they were apparently inexor-
able in their determination to
push matters to the disadvantage
of the Government. By the time
the debate had progressed for
two weeks, it was remarkable
how great a change had taken
place in the situation, Govern-
ment members continued arriving
from day to day, and the debate,
instead of being in the nature
of a reply to attacks from the
Opposition side, assumed the very
opposite character. The aggres-
sion is now from the Govern-
ment side. The war is actually
carried into Africa, and the as-
sumption of superiority mani-
fested by the Leader of the
Opposition and his friends at the
opening of the debate is alto-
gether changed. They are now
in an apologetic position, and the
probabilities are that by the time
the division is reached, our Op-
position friends will be very
sorry that they ever moved the
amendment.

The most interesting episode
in this whole debate, and the
most uncomfortable for the Op-
position was the part taken
therein by Mr. L.J. Gauthier, of St.
Hyacinthe, P. Q. Our readers
will remember that for some
time the name of Mr. Gauthier
had been frequently and promi-
nently mentioned in the press, as
likely to leave the Liberal side of
the House and give his support
to the Government. When Par-
liament opened, it was noticed
that Mr. Gauthier did not occupy
his former seat in the midst of
the Liberal opposition, but had
taken a seat in what is known
as "No Man's Land." This is a
row of seats between the official
opposition and the Agrarian mem-
bers, who occupy the lowermost
seats on the Opposition side of
the House. This of itself, was an
evidence that Mr. Gauthier was

not disposed to fraternise with
his former Liberal friends. What
part he was actually to play was,
of course, awaited with more or
less curiosity. Members had not
very long to wait. The debate
had been going on but a couple
of days when he took occasion
to make his statement. Mr.
Gauthier is a man about sixty
years of age, and his personal
appearance would not strike any-
one as being a very remarkable
man. He is quite grey, and a
plain, common-sense looking man,
but when he got to his feet and
started out to make his state-
ment and give the reasons why
he no longer was disposed to
remain with his Liberal friends,
interest was aroused to a very
high pitch. As a matter of fact,
his attitude in the discussion was
in the nature of a bomb-shell to
his Liberal friends, who were not
only dumbfounded, but mani-
fested the appearance of "being
very much distressed. For some
two hours the member for St.
Hyacinthe held the attention of
the House while he launched his
bolt against the Liberal members
of the Opposition. He is an
excellent speaker, and, although
speaking in English, which is not
his mother tongue, he held the
undivided attention of the House
and showed that he was thor-
oughly posted on public matters, and
fortified at every point against
any possible attack that might
be made upon him. In the be-
ginning of his speech a few in-
terruptions were made by some
of the Liberal members, but the
quickness and the completeness
with which he answered them
indicated that their better plan
was to leave him severely alone.
He was equipped and fortified at
every point, and by the time he
had completed his statement, he
certainly exposed a very consid-
erable number of black spots in
the official Opposition contingent in
the House of Commons. From
the moment it had been intimated
in the press that Mr. Gauthier
was likely to leave the Liberals
when the House met, all man-
ner of accusations were brought
against him. The Liberal press,
inspired by some of the Liberal
members of the House, called him
a traitor and launched all man-
ner of uncomplimentary epithets
against him. He patiently waited
his opportunity until he found
himself safely fortified in the
House, and then paid them back
with compound interest. The one
above all whom he held up to
scorn and ridicule was the Hon.
Mr. Lemieux, who assumes a very
prominent and arrogant role on
the Opposition side of the cham-
ber. He certainly poured out the
veils of his ridicule on the head
of Mr. Lemieux, and showed him
up before the public in a most
unenviable light. After Mr. Gau-
thier had hurled his bomb-shell
in the Liberal camp, consterna-
tion reigned, there is no doubt at
all, and it took them some time
to decide what course to pursue.
Finally, events proved that they
had decided it would be just as
well not to pursue Mr. Gauthier
much further. He had had his
innings and had come out most
creditably, and they who had
been abusing him and calling
him all manner of names were
certainly left in an unenviable
lurch. Such rejoinders as were
made to his speech by Mr.
Lemieux and some others were
of a very mild type, and it is
quite evident that they have con-
cluded to leave matters at that
for fear they make their own
case a good deal more ridiculous
than it is. What the final upshot
of the Gauthier episode will be
we shall probably know in a
while, after the debate on the
address has been disposed of.
One thing is sure, Mr. Gauthier
has burned his bridges behind
him, and he will have nothing
further to do with his former
Liberal colleagues in the House.
He will henceforth vote with the
Government.

Death has been busy among
the members of the House
within the last three months. As
already stated, there were three
vacancies by death when the
House met. Since then one more
has occurred, that of Thomas F.
Wallace, member for West York,
who died on Sunday, February
20th, after a short illness, of
pneumonia. Mr. Wallace was a
son of the late Hon. Clarke Wal-
lace, and was a very jolly, well
liked member of the House. He
was only 42 years of age at the
time of his death. This leaves
four seats in the House of Com-
mons vacated by death. Another
death occurred on February 24th,
that has caused very widespread
regret. This was the death of
Mr. T. P. Owens, editor of the
Hansard debates. He had been
connected with Hansard for 32
or 33 years, and had been editor-
in-chief since 1917. Mr. Owens
was a very capable official, and
an exceedingly kindhearted man.
His disposition always was to
assist beginners, and render any
help possible to those unacquaint-
ed with the proceedings of Par-
liament. He was known by
everybody and esteemed by every
one who knew him. As stated
elsewhere, his only son was killed
in the war, and his wife had pre-
deceased him some time. He
leaves to mourn one daughter
and his daughter-in-law, widow
of his deceased son, already re-
ferred to. He had come to Ot-
tawa from Montreal, where he
had been engaged in newspaper
work, and after Requiem Mass
here his remains were taken to
Montreal for interment. His gen-
ial presence and kindly greeting
will be missed by members of the
House.

The season of gaiety was cer-
tainly ushered in at the national
capital with the opening of the
present parliamentary session.
During the war, of course, the
opening ceremonies and the ses-
sion generally were of a quiet
matter-of-fact character. Men's
minds were too much occupied
with serious problems and anxiety
regarding the national welfare
during the dark days of the
world's tragedy to give very
much attention to gaiety and en-
tertainment. The burning of the
old Parliament buildings also
contributed to emphasize this
state of things. Now, however,
with the splendid new Parliament
buildings, well advanced towards
completion, and men's minds re-
lieved from the tension and anx-
iety that obsessed them during
the war period, gaiety is revived;
not only is the old spirit of en-
tertainment renewed, but it is
surpassed. The splendid Hall of
Fame and other large beautiful
apartments in the new Parliament
building afford every opportunity
for entertainments, such as are
wont to prevail in connection
with the parliamentary session
in normal times. From the very
opening day of the session enter-
tainments of one kind or another
prevailed, for the most part down
to the present time. The Speak-
ers of both Houses had receptions
on the first day after the opening
ceremonies, and throngs of mem-
bers and their wives and daugh-
ters and friends participated.
This was followed on the opening
night by the usual state dinner
by His Excellency the Governor
General. Following this came the
grand Drawing Room by their
Excellencies the Governor Gen-
eral and the Duchess of Devon-
shire, in the Senate Chamber.
This certainly was a very elab-
orate affair, and many hundreds
of people, men and women, were
presented. Mrs. Meighen, wife of
the Prime Minister, entertained
at Au At Home, which was a tre-
mendous success from the point
of view of sociability, and attended
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Duchess of Devonshire have been
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ton and Clyde River, and at the
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JOHN F. WHEAR,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
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