

Mr. Roebuck said the Leader of the Opposition had taken great pains to stress that the Red Cross had had to supply socks to soldiers. "It seems to me," he added, "that the effect of that remark is much more calculated to warm up the cold feet of the Conservative Party than the cold feet of the soldiers."

Colonel Drew: "The member has had enough experience to know that he must not suggest motive. I do not intend to waive the rules of this House when suggestions are at variance with any decent principles of the rules of debate in this House."

He stressed that before making any public utterance in criticism of the Federal Government's conduct of the war he had written to Prime Minister King and had pointed out all the details to him.

There was a brief flurry with several members calling for the conclusion of the day. Acting Speaker Roland Patterson called for the Orders of the Day, which marks the actual opening of the House. Premier Hepburn appealed, there was a vote, and not one voted to suspend the debate.

Thinks Ottawa Men Capable.

"I regret," said Mr. Roebuck, "that tempers have become so frayed. I am quite with the Leader of the Opposition on the right of free speech in the House. I had no intention of being insulting to him or being uncomplimentary to him. He is much too thin-skinned when any one else puts his side to him. He should let others present their views without him getting sore about it.

"I do believe the men at Ottawa are sincere and capable men," he continued. "I agree with others who spoke here that it would be better to call this debate off and leave it to Ottawa, which is meeting in a few days. We have enough here more within our own range, such as social, labor and farm problems."

J. J. Glass (Lib., St. Andrew) said he did not think the House was in a position to say that all the facts brought out in the debate warranted members making a judgment. A number of claims made, he added, were in direct variance with information he had secured.

"While we should support the war effort, I don't think we, who are responsible for Provincial affairs, should sit here in judgment on Federal affairs. I am not prepared to pass judgment either for or against and I wish to be excused," said Mr. Glass and he rose and left the Chamber.

Former Highways Minister Leopold Macaulay expressed the belief that it was "going very far afield" to attribute the overwhelming loan response "to the confidence of the investors" in the King Government. There was nothing in the advance advertising on the loan suggesting for a minute that bond-buying prospects were to concern themselves with "confidence" in any Government. There were thousands who had bought bonds who, like himself, were not supporters of Mr. King, his policies or his record. And yet, he said, despatches from Ottawa would create such an impression.

Such "propaganda" — and there was plenty of it in circulation these days, he said—would tend to kill the patriotism of the average Canadian interested in winning the war, and not in politics, at least now.