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Gallery Crowd Eager, But Fireworks Lacking

One of the largest crowds in recent years jammed the galleries at Queen's Park yesterday in expectation of hearing Premier George A. Drew and Liberal Leader Mitchell F. Hepburn speak in the Throne Speech Debate. They heard the Premier speak for the last 15 minutes of the three-hour sitting, and learned in the closing minutes that Mr. Drew will resume his address next Tuesday with Mr. Hepburn following him.

Both party leaders will speak following Prime Minister Mackenzie King's radio address tonight, which may clear the Federal political air on a number of major issues.

The hundreds of visitors saw the Legislature transact a substantial volume of business and there were several mildly lively episodes to hold their attention. But if they

were there in the hope of witnessing a renewal of the spectacular clashes between the Premier and the Liberal House Leader, they must have been disappointed.

There was a noticeable easing of tension in the atmosphere at Queen's Park yesterday. It was learned from a usually well-informed source that both the C.C.F. and the Liberal group intend avoiding any move to vote in concert against the Government until the Budget is brought down and any new tax impositions are disclosed.

The purpose of the C.C.F. amendment moved by Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe was to make the other Opposition groups in the House declare themselves it was learned. Mr. Hepburn likely will move an amendment to the amendment at the conclusion of his Throne Speech address.