

Consecration for War Service

On February 19th the Members of the Legislature unanimously passed the following Resolution to express their faith in the Cause for which Great Britain and her Allies are fighting, and to pledge anew the resources of Ontario for the energetic prosecution of the War:—

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, individually and as a body, hereby reaffirm our belief in the righteousness of the cause for which Great Britain and the Allies are fighting, and place on record our approval and endorsement of the clear, courageous, and moderate statement of our war aims recently made by His Majesty's Government. We are convinced that only by the realization of the Allies' aim of peace "based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law" can our enemies' unscrupulous and brutal attempt at domination be frustrated, and the future of civilization assured. We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of the matchless courage and patriotism, and historic military achievements, of our Canadian Overseas Forces on the field of battle. We rejoice to know that during the past year they have taken every objective from the enemy for which they started, and have not had a single reverse. In the hard-fought battles of Vimy Ridge, Fresnoy, Hill 70, and Passchendaele, Canadian soldiers have won imperishable glory. We gladly testify that the victories won by our heroic sons, their irresistible valor in attack, their unfaltering tenacity in defence, and their cheerful endurance of all the discomfort, weariness, and sufferings of war, have thrilled the Canadian people, and filled our hearts with pride and gratitude. We solemnly acknowledge our lasting debt to those who have laid down their young lives, so full of rare promise, for us and the great cause at issue. The memory of their sacrifice will never fade. We hereby consecrate ourselves afresh, together with all the resources of this rich and fertile Province of Ontario to the successful prosecution of the war. To that end, and confident of a patriotic response, we call upon the people of Ontario to place the demands of the war before every other consideration, and by every means in their power to maintain our fighting forces, further increase our agricultural and industrial production, practise to the utmost thrift and avoidance of waste, and thus throw the whole weight of our people and our Province into the scale against our enemies, until the principles for which we are fighting are crowned with victory.