NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS — (Continued.)

and it remains for us if we are energetic, united, determined and faithful to our duty and responsibilities, and to our desire to assist in the upbuilding of a young and vigorous nation, then I say that we can act in this manner and unitedly and determinedly a certain grand and glorious successs awaits the future development of our com-

mon country for all ages to come."

Mayor Burgoyne of St. Catharines expressed the great pleasure that he personally had taken in the address of the Minister of Public Works, and which he felt that all the delegates had taken. They all appreciated the difficulties which the Government had had to face at the outset of the war, and they all felt that they had met the situation in a way which challenged the admiration of all. They were all glad that the young men of Canada had answered the cell in which challenged the control of the cell in the control of the cell in th had answered the call in such large numbers, and that they had also helped so largely in munitions. The Minister had said that more help was needed in that direction. He would say for himself and the others that whatever plans the Government at Ottawa might make for the future employment and engagement in munition work of those who are not able to go to the front, would get the full approval and support of the people of Canada. There were large numbers of young women in every city who were ready to take their places if they were given the opportunity. In his own town the Women's Emergency Corps had taken the names of young women who were willing to enter upon work which would make it possible for others physically fit and of military age to don their uniform to fight for King and Country. He

felt that if their services were called upon for munitions work, they would be only too glad to respond. Municipalities of Canada from one end to the other would sustain the Government in any measure they took, and they would take up the burden falling to them. The great thing was to win the war. He was sure that the prothing was to win the war. He was sure that the problems of peace would be met in the same way by the Government and municipalities and that they could look forward to an area of peace and prosperity the like of which the country had never enjoyed before.

Mayor Burgoyne then proped, seconded by Mayor Har-die of Lethbridge, that the Union of Canadian Municipalities renewed the expression of its determination to assist in every way possible the prosecution of the war

to a successful conclusion. This was carried unanimously
Hon. Mr. Rogers.—In the place which I occupy in the public life of our country I have one ambition, and I am hopeful to see my ambition realized at the close of this war, and that is to say a great national roadway constructed from the Atlantic to the Pacific. With union and co-operation we can accomplish this fact, and there was never a more favourable opportunity, than at the close of this war, when we expect to have flocking to our shores tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of war-worn Europeans. They will labour on these highways, and get an opportunity to become acquainted with our ways, our climate, and our conditions. Afterwards I am sure they will be amongst the most prosperous citizens of the Domi-

Mayor Church of Toronto. — "We were behind the Minister when he introduced the highway plan, we will give him all the assistance he needs again."

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