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Premier W. F. Massey and Finance Minister Sir Joseph G. Ward, of New Zealand, who were accorded a splendidly hearty welcome in this city yesterday.

CUIET BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Ling George Expresses the Wish That the Usual Demonstrations Will be Omitted This Year.

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Hearty Reception Tendered Premier and Finance Minister From Antipodes.

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Speak Frankly in Favor of Conscription and National Government.

Two more distinguished empire statesmen were welcomed to Toronto yesterday when Premier W. F. Massey, of New Zealand, and Sir Joseph Ward, his minister of finance, and party paid a flying visit to the city on their way home from the imperial conference at London. While the welcome was not as elaborate as that extended to Hon. A. J. Balfour and party last week, there was no denying the warmth of the reception given the Antipodean visitors by the cabinet of Ontario and the mayor and council of the city. The official reception took place at the civic luncheon in the King Edward Hotel, where prominent and public men of the province and the city assembled to meet the leaders of the sister dominion.

Premier Massey, whose first visit to

Premier Massey, whose first visit to Canada it was, is of the rugged pioneer type which has meant much to the development of his own country. He is a big man, blunt and business-like, with the large forehead and with the large forehead and square jaw that denotes strength of charac-

pulsory service for all dominions within the empire, Premier Massey declaring that "personally nothing would stop me from compelling Britishers who hold back to serve their country when it is fighting for its life."

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leaders; and while not desiring to discuss local questions, they intimated that a few changes were necessary in the conduct of Canadian affairs. Sir Joseph Ward declared himself a strong supporter of a national government for Canada as an emergency measure to prosecute the war to victory. The government should be upon the basis of equal representation of both great political parties.

Mayor Welcomes Visitors.

Mayor Church stated that the city and the citizens felt signally honored in being afforded the opportunity of

in being afforded the opportunity of extending a welcome to the visitors.

demonstration mark the occasion this from the sister dominion, and stated year.

Premier Hearst in welcoming the visitors to Ontario, said he was glad to meet the public men of other sections of the empire and confer with them on empire matters. New Zealand had performed its part nobly in the wa rand in a manner equal to that of other dominions. Its leaders were vigorous in their legislation and did not hesitate to put laws on the statute books that enabled them to keep their forces at the front up to strength. The war had the compensating effect of drawing the empire closer together. All parts were willing to fight together to the last in behalf of civilization and liberty.

Premier Massey Receives Ovation.

Premier Massey who had a magnificent reception on rising, stated that in his visit to Canada he was able to feel they were all fellow citizens and kinsmen. He was glad to meet the public men of Ontario and Toronto and congratulate them on the prosperity he saw on every hand. It was evident that Canada was destined to take a prominent place not only among the sister dominions but among the nations of the earth. He hoped Canada would remain the senior dominion of the empire, honored and respected by the world at large. It was the home of the members of the Anglo-Saxon race and had produced some of the finest specimens of the Anglo-Saxon race and had produced some of the world.

He hoped for closer trade relations between Canada and New Zealand by which each country would supply the other with their products in sea son. The plain, truth was that the more they saw of each other the more they have been made. We have got

with the large forehead and square jaw that denotes strength of character. He speaks in terse sentences, and with a sincerity and forcefulness that impresses the auditor. Sir Joseph Ward is not a stranger to Toronto, naving visited the city on two previous occasions, and is one of the most distinguished of empire statesmen. He is an ex-premier of New Zealand, has been in political life for about thirty years, possesses a wide knowledge of imperial matters and is a splendid orator with a ready wit.

In their addresses at the luncheon the two statesmen unequivocally expressed themselves in favor of compulsory service for all dominions within the empire, Premier Massey declaring that "personally nothing would stop me from compelling Britishers who hold back to serve their country when it is fighting for its life."

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the armies were counted in initions to was quite a different thing. And in times when the empire was fighting for its life it was entitled to the service of all its citizens. He explained the conscriptive system in New Zealand and declared that there was neither favoritism nor exemptions. Ministers of the church were obliged

"We exempt honorary colonels," in-terjected the mayor.

"But we don't have honorary colonels in our country," replied Pre-

mier Massey.

Ile was glad to say there was a very small proportion of Britishers who shirked their duty. But if they did there was only one thing to do and that was to make them serve by drastic measures if necessary. "Personally nothing would stop me in

said

After War Problems.

Sir Joseph Ward, who was warmly received, declared that while they were battling toward victory they could not shut their eyes to the problems which would confront them after the war. They were not going back to the old position of giving their money to the enemy for his goods. One of the post-bellum conditions that must be enforced was preference within the empire. They would not put off with another makeshift no matter who held power in the motherland. They had got to see that no land. They had got to see that no shibboleths would be used for party purposes to set them back in the old

"We will not allow an important fiscal question to be treated as a party measure instead of dealing with it on an empire basis," he said. "This war will have been in vain if all parts of the empire are not to be considered. We will never allow anyone to say what our foreign policy shall be after the war if we are not going to have a voice in it. You have got to have a voice and a say in these matters not after them. these matters, not after they have been decided by the British Govern-ment, but when they are under dis-He welcomed the United States as an ally of Britain. With its great

financial influence there was no doubt regarding the outcome of the

the patriotism of the Canadian people and stated that the record of the and stated that the record of the country spoke for itself. More than 400,000 men had left its shores for the front, and it was incomprehensible that those behind could forget the sacrifices the soldiers had made and refuse to back them up in the months to come and in the years to come, if necessary. He was certain that when the people realized it was necessary for them to place themselves at the service of their fellowmen they would not be found wanting.

Favored National Government.

Apollogizing for his reference to Canadian affairs, Sir Joseph stated that he was convinced of the value of a national government for Canada. It had been tried out and adopted by the motheriand and all the other dominions of the empire. It was the only means by which the empire could successfully prosecute the war. could successfully prosecute the war. If they in Canada formed a national government, he said it should be upor, the basis of equal representa-

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present. This was a time when the final traditions of the race had to be impressed upon the minds of the

impressed upon the minds of the people.

The distinguished visitors later visited the technical school, which they declared to be one of the greatest centres of technical education in the world. Afterward they reviewed the school cadets, totaling 5400, from a stand at University avenue and College street. It took the parade 25 minutes passing the reviewing point, and the premier of New Zealand, who is head of the cadet system in his own country, congratulated the unembers of the board of education on the smart appearance of the boys. He declared it was one of the finest turndeclared it was one of the finest turn-outs that he had ever witnessed. The entire party were entertained to ten at Government House at 5 o'clock and left for Winnipeg at 6.30.

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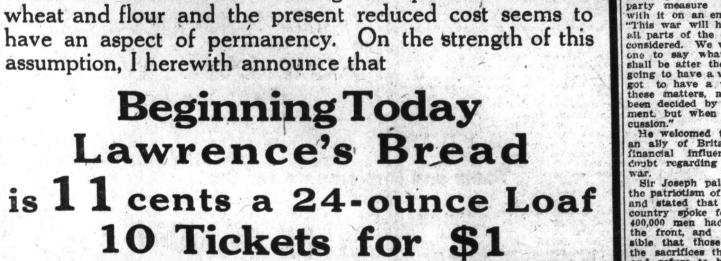
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