

Canadians have been, British as we are to the last drop of our blood, and British as we shall be if it costs the last drop of our blood, we can claim also that we are American, American geographically, American socially, American to a large extent commercially, American in our views of personal freedom and liberty, not governed by class or custom. We look to the south to our older, richer and stronger brother with admiration and love. Canada claims as her own his prowess and strength and glory. Nay, she has even almost forgiven the Thirteen Colonies leaving the old homestead when she was but an infant, and setting up a new establishment of their own with new rules and regulations.

When it was found that I was to come to Rochester, I was intrusted by certain of our citizens with messages which with your permission I will read. First, from the Prime Minister of Ontario, who corresponds to your Governor. We have governors of our own, but we call them governors for precisely the reason that we call the stream near my father's old farm a "trout stream," because there were no trout in it. So we call our governors "governors," because they do not govern, being themselves governed.

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

From Sir W. H. Hearst, the Prime Minister of Ontario, to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce:

"Gentlemen:

"I am glad to have the opportunity through the kindness and courtesy of the Honorable Mr. Justice Riddell to congratulate the people of the United States on the stand you have taken in this great war. You have chosen wisely and deliberately to resist with all your great power the attempt to establish a cruel and heartless military dictation in Europe and throughout the world. We, in Canada, have long realized that whenever opportunity offered, Germany would try to seize this country. Hence it was that, at the outset, we determined, without hesitation, to stake our last man and our last dollar on the outcome of this struggle. Already, as you know, the blood of Canadians has been poured out like water on the battle-fields of Europe. We have been grateful all along to have had your encouragement and your sympathy; and we are glad to know that now we are receiving your active co-operation and support.

"We believe that the United States is in the war to the finish. Your interest is even greater than ours for you have more at stake; while your responsibility and your opportunities are proportionate to your strength in men and material resources. In this common and sacred cause we are brothers. I am confident that we will be bound together for generations by our common sacrifices and triumphs.