

## ONTARIO AND THE WAR

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. A. D. Steel-Maitland, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies): I need not take up time in introducing Mr. Hearst, the Prime Minister of Ontario. From the very fact that he is Prime Minister of that Province he is sure of an extraordinarily hearty welcome here. I am not even going to refer to his work there, though I think a recent report of a Commission under his government on the matter of emigration is one that really merits the attention of all of us. One other point—another point between him and us. Mr. Hearst, like so many others, has two sons who have been fighting in the Army. One has just been wounded and is on his way across to this country and Mr. Hearst is to meet him this afternoon. I am sure we give him our heartiest sympathy and trust his son will be soon restored to health again. I will ask you to drink to the health of "Our Guest."

After the toast had been enthusiastically honoured, THE HON. W. H. HEARST said: It is difficult even for those of us who have been born in Canada, and have lived there all our lives, to get an adequate idea of the extent of our own territory, and the richness of our natural resources, and I can therefore understand how absolutely impossible it must be for those who have never visited our Western land, or who have only made a flying trip across the Continent, to realise the magnitude and importance of that section of the Empire and the future that undoubtedly lies before it. I am, therefore, going to trouble you to listen to me for a few