

Association Should Go On.

H. C. HOOKER, Esq., Mayor of Toronto—

"I think the Association should go on with the preparations as far as they can without making them fixed; then in the event of a cessation of hostilities the celebration could be very appropriately held and more interest would be taken in it than if there had not been war at all. If the war concludes by the end of this year, the celebration next year would, I think, be exceedingly appropriate."

Chief Representatives of Two Countries Should Meet.

T. B. DRACON, Esq., Mayor of Winnipeg—

"The Centenary of one hundred years of peace between the British Empire and the United States should certainly be celebrated in a solemn and serious manner, not with the pomp and circumstances of war, nor with the glare of martial music and streaming banners, but the chief representatives of the civil power in each of the countries should meet at the proper time and exchange greetings and congratulations and renew their pledges of friendship. But I am not disposed to think that anything should be done at the present time, as the members of the Canadian Government are no doubt pressed with many cares and anxieties, requiring all their time and energy, and it should be done as soon as conveniently possible."

Importance Should Not Be Marred By War.

A. STEWART, Esq., Mayor of Victoria—

"I fully appreciate the importance of an appropriate celebration commemorative of the Hundred Years of Peace between the British and American Empires, and in my opinion such a celebration should take place at the earliest possible moment. In view, however, of the great war in which the great Empire to which we belong is at present involved, I do not think that it would be advisable to hold such a celebration until we have carried that war—upon which we are harked to uphold our national honor—to a victorious and honorable conclusion. My reasons for holding this opinion, are: (1) That with people in such a frame of mind as they are at present, and so engrossed in the story of the present war, it would be most difficult to get them to concentrate their thoughts and attentions upon the Peace Celebration. (2) The importance of such an occasion is so great that it should not be marred by thoughts of the terrible conflict in which we are now engaged."

Need Not Be Expensive or Elaborate.

W. J. McNAMARA, Esq., Mayor of Edmonton—

"Be celebration of the Hundred Years of Peace between the British Empire and the United States, I feel that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without a worthy celebration which, of course, need not be of an elaborate or expensive nature. The present calamity which has befallen Europe should bring home to the minds of Canadians and Americans the terrible consequences of war and should go a long way toward stimulating the spirit of peace on this continent."