

# LEGISLATURE UNITED AGAINST COMMON FOE

## Liberals Will Help to Lighten Task of the Premier

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**Prohibition in Ontario to Help Empire  
in Great Armed, Economic Strug-  
gle—Premier and Mr. Rowell to  
Close Debate To-day.**

Political amity was the dominating note of the proceedings in the Legislature yesterday. The party leaders exchanged compliments in the most friendly fashion, and the mover and seconder of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne put State before party and advocated unity of action in a time of unprecedented crisis. The debate is likely to be closed to-day, when the Premier and Mr. Rowell are expected to speak.

#### The Liberals Will Help.

Before the House settled down to business Mr. Rowell, in a graceful reference, said: "I would like to say how gratified we are on this side of the House, and I am sure our friends opposite will join with us, to see the Premier back in his usual place in the House. It is possible that owing to the engrossment of the war last spring many of us did not realize how ill the Premier was. On behalf of the members of this side of the House I would like to say that if there is anything we can do to make the burden of responsibility resting on the Premier lighter it will be cheerfully done." Mr. Rowell also spoke of the friendly feeling of members of the Opposition towards Hon. James Duff, Minister of Agriculture. "We are glad to see him back in the House," said the Opposition leader, "even though there are times when we do not agree with the policy of the Department of Agriculture."

#### Premier Expresses Appreciation.

The Premier, who was visibly touched, replied: "I am sure we all appreciate very much indeed the kind sentiments expressed by the leader of the Opposition. It is evidence such as this which helps to smooth the rugged path which every public man has to follow. I am very thankful to Providence that I have been spared, and I feel that has laid upon me an additional responsibility to give the very best service I can to this Legislature, so long as I occupy the position I now do. It gives me pleasure to take this opportunity of tendering my thanks to the leader of the Opposition, and also to members on both sides of the House for the way they have shown and expressed kindness during my illness."

#### Congratulates Members Who Serve.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Price (Parkdale), in moving the Address, congratulated the Premier on having recovered his health to such an extent as to enable him to be in his seat and to lead the House, and also referred to the presence of Hon. James Duff after a severe illness. "My congratulations cannot stop here. They extend to every member of this House who is before the public in some form of leadership, in public speaking, organization, special industry, or in the Canadian army. If I were asked to specialize on each side of the House I would name Hon. T. W. McGarry and the honorable the leader of the Opposition as having unstintedly used their talents for recruiting and patri-