

DRYER ONTARIO IS UNITED AIM

Hon. Mr. Hearst Calls for Tem- perance Advance

MR. ROWELL APPROVES

Proposed Prohibitory Legislation, in Accord With Need for Sacrifices, Meets Hearty Endorsation of Opposition Leader.

On the principle of prohibition there was practically no divergence of opinion expressed in the speeches of the two leaders in the Legislature yesterday on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. "The Government has come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when further legislation might be enacted without introducing greater evils than those we are attempting to destroy," was the declaration of Premier Hearst, while Mr. Rowell assured the House: "I am prepared to cordially support the Government in carrying out the proposals they submit if these proposals are, as I understand they are to be, as outlined in the Speech from the Throne." The leader of the Opposition suggested as an alternative method—though failing that he would co-operate with the Government in their proposals as he understood them—of enacting legislation, to go into effect at the earliest practicable date, which would completely wipe out all hotel, shop and club licenses, and would continue in force during the period of the war and for a reasonable period thereafter, during the period of reconstruction, and that it should not be repealed except by the vote of the people, to be taken at a later date. Mr. Rowell also undertook, if a bill as he understood the proposal in the Speech from the Throne was submitted to the people, to join the Premier and other members of the Government in going before the people and asking for endorsement and ratification of the measure.

A Call for Sacrifice.

Premier Hearst, who spoke from a written address, also reached a lofty plane. He emphasized the call now, "a most earnest and special one for service and sacrifice by everyone in the Province," and declared that "every reasonable step should be taken at this time of stress and strain that would add to the strength of the country and would conserve our resources in every way possible for the great task." The steady advance in local option until there were now nearly two "dry" municipalities for every "wet" municipality in Ontario had, in his judgment, helped in a marked degree to prepare the ground for any further advance in temperance legislation. The Premier, after he had spoken for 45 minutes, received word from his medical ad-