

SHOULD TRAIN BOY TO DEFEND CITIZENSHIP

A STRONG DEPUTATION WAITS UPON SIR WILLIAM HEARST.

Military training should be compulsory in the higher grades of the public and high schools of the Province, in the opinion of a deputation of the Canadian Defence League, supported by representatives of educational and patriotic organizations, which waited on Premier Hearst at the Parliament Buildings Saturday. Sir William promised consideration of the matter. He was in accord with the deputation on the question of preparedness, which did not mean in any sense encouragement of militarism.

It was pointed out that one hundred and twenty School Boards throughout Ontario had petitioned in favor of military drill.

At University, Too.

Sir Edmund Walker, representing the University of Toronto, said the University would make military training part of its curriculum.

Rev. Canon MacNab read a letter from the Lord Bishop of Toronto expressing the view that the Government should take instant steps to bring compulsory training into effect.

Rev. Father Minehan, while endorsing the request, stated he hoped that after the war was over no more would be heard of militarism. "We want peace; not a peace at any price, but we don't want militarism as a yoke on our necks after the war ends. A man, however, should be trained as a boy to defend his citizenship if need be."

The Deputation.

Mr. Mark Irish, M.P.P., introduced the deputation of about forty in number, which included, among others, Col. Wm. Hamilton Merritt, President of the Canadian Defence League; Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, President of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire; Controller W. H. Shaw; Dr. Caroline Brown, representing the Toronto Board of Education; Rev. L. Minehan, representing Archbishop McNeil; Rev. Canon MacNab, representing the Lord Bishop of Toronto; Sir Edmund Walker, and Sergt. Sam Landers, editor of The Labor Leader, Hamilton, representing labor organizations.