

# DROP THE HYPHEN TO MARK JUBILEE

## Mr. Rowell's Suggestion for 50th Anniversary of Confederation

Ontario is planning to fittingly commemorate the fiftieth year of Confederation. On motion of Mr. N. W. Rowell, leader of the Opposition, seconded by Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, the Legislature yesterday decided to appoint a Select Committee to consider the matter, and to co-operate with any committee that may be appointed by the Dominion Parliament.

In speaking to his resolution, Mr. Rowell urged the development of a truly Canadian national spirit. There should be no such people as English-Canadians, Irish-Canadians, Scottish-Canadians or French-Canadians, said he. They should be Canadians all. Could they better celebrate the fiftieth year of Confederation than by dropping the hyphen and by emphasizing the idea that Canada is a nation within the British Empire?

### Let Schools Celebrate.

He thought it would be a good idea to have a fitting celebration of the anniversary in the schools of the Province. It might be well to give the children a copy of the picture entitled "The Fathers of Confederation," as well as a short sketch of the more important men who took part in the historic conference.

There was danger at times of a cleavage between Eastern Canada and Western Canada on many questions, and steps should be taken to stimulate a better understanding by East of West and by West of East.

If Newfoundland could see her way to cast in her lot with Canada the fiftieth anniversary could be happily celebrated, said the Liberal leader.

### For Quiet Observance.

Premier Sir William Hearst said there could be no difference of opinion as to the advisability of celebrating the anniversary. He thought, however, that the celebration should not involve a heavy expenditure of money. He agreed with Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, who had suggested that the celebration should be quiet rather than ostentatious. Premier Hearst stated that arrangements had already been made by the Education Department that the schools of the Province would observe the anniversary on May 23rd (Empire Day). He thought such bodies as the Canadian Club, the Empire Club and municipal organizations should take a prominent part in the proceedings on July 1.

Others who spoke were Mr. Musgrove (Huron) and Mr. Hartley Dewart, Toronto.