

START CAMPAIGN FOR PRODUCTION

Legislature Passed Resolution Backing Efforts for Larger Crops

The Legislature yesterday unan-
imously adopted a resolution affirm-
ing its resolve and determination to
do everything possible to sustain
Great Britain and her allies in the
present struggle. The resolution was
moved by Sir William Hearst and
seconded by Mr. William Proudfoot.
It follows closely a proclamation is-
sued by the Lieutenant-Governor
setting aside the week of March 24
as one of dedication and preparation
for the campaign of greater produc-
tion.

The Prime Minister said that the
resolution would be used as one of
the first guns in the agricultural
campaign by the Ontario Resources
Committee. The Leader of the Op-
position said he heartily concurred
in all the statements set forth in
the resolution.

"We realize that the world-short-
age of food, together with the fact
that the destruction of shipping pre-
vents Great Britain drawing supplies
from Australia and South America,
compels that country and France to
depend almost entirely on Canada
and the United States for the neces-
sary food to maintain her armies and
her civilian population," said the re-
solution, going on to express the
willingness of the House to assume
its full share of responsibility in the
emergency, and acknowledging the
patriotic efforts put forth by the
farmers of the Province to secure
more crops.

It further states that the House
realized the need of laborers on the
farms, and expressed the conviction
that every person who labored this
year on the farm was "a veritable
soldier of the soil," and that he
was "playing a most worthy and es-
sential part in upholding the British
Empire, in insuring that the sacri-
fices hitherton made by our soldiers
and our heroic dead shall not have
been made in vain, and in hastening
the hour of final victory."

CITY MEASURES FARING BETTER

Bill Giving Railway Board Power to Fine T. S. R. is Introduced

The city of Toronto met with
kindlier treatment at the hands of
the Ontario Legislature yesterday.
As a result a bill was introduced in
the House by the Hon. I. B. Lucas
amending the Ontario Railway Act
giving the Ontario Railway and
Municipal Board power to impose
a maximum fine of \$1,000 a day on
railway companies that do not carry
out the orders of the board in se-
curing cars to be placed on lines.
One appeal will be allowed to the
Appellate Court of Ontario.

The Attorney-General explained
that the bill was brought in as the
result of a recommendation made
by the Private Bills Committee. It
had been found that the Railway
Board lacked power to impose a
money penalty for noncompliance
with its orders, and the Govern-
ment therefore felt it should be a
general regulation, and not a pri-
vate bill, as first asked for by the
city of Toronto.

Earlier in the day the bill was
bitterly fought in the Private Bills
Committee. Mayor Church declar-
ed that in 1914 the company had
830 cars on the streets and to-day
they have 667 and their earnings
are \$2,500,000 a year. While Hon.
J. D. Reid had placed an order for
\$40,000,000 worth of rolling stock,
the company had done nothing.

One Appeal is Allowed.

The city agreed to allow one ap-
peal from the decision of the Rail-
way Board, but would go no far-
ther. Mr. R. J. Fleming, General
Manager of the Toronto Railway
Company, and the solicitor, Mr. J.
W. Bain, K.C., opposed this and ask-
ed for the right to appeal to the
Supreme Court of Canada. While
it was a general bill, they said, it
was aimed at their company. The
proposal to give the board power to
impose a penalty of \$1,000 a day
with the right to enter one appeal
was carried by a vote of 17 to 10.