

Saturday, March 26th

Ontario Legislative Assembly Urges Public Observance Of Jubilee of Confederation

Premier Gives Notice of Resolution, Seconded by Liberal Leader, Recommending Celebration to Express Fullest Co-operation With Dominion Authorities in Marking Historic Occasion

AFTERNOON FIXED FOR CONSIDERATION

Premier G. Howard Ferguson gave notice in the Legislature yesterday of a resolution which carries the earnest recommendation of the Ontario Legislative Assembly "that all public bodies, including Municipal Councils, School Boards, patriotic, business and fraternal organizations, utilize every available means for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, so that it may be accomplished in a manner that will worthily express the patriotism of the people of Canada, and will serve to impress the world with our devotion to our country, and our abiding faith in its future and in the permanence of our liberties and institutions."

"Gratitude to Providence."

"The members of this Legislative Assembly," the resolution further reads, "furthermore desire to associate themselves with all other Canadians in sincere and humble gratitude to Divine Providence for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed in the past, as well as for the assurance of peace, comfort and happiness in the days that are to come."

Liberal Leader William E. N. Sinclair has been pleased to second the resolution. A special afternoon in the House will be set aside next week for its consideration, and the Prime Minister is desirous of having as many members as possible contribute to the discussion. The resolution is an ample indication of the Province's aim to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Dominion authorities in the matter of the celebration.

"Resolved," the resolution commences, "on this important occasion in the history of our country, when we are about to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, this House unanimously desires to place on record its profound sense of the notable progress the Dominion of Canada, and especially the Province of Ontario, has made during the past 60 years.

"While the people of Ontario rejoice in the advancement of the Province along many and varied lines of enterprise, the betterment of the conditions of life, and the moral, social and material advance of the community, we value all these advances in proportion as they contribute to the general welfare of the whole Dominion and of the Empire in which we have a common citizenship.

1867 Spirit Essential as Ever.

"Realizing that the spirit of unity, co-operation and conciliation that inspired the Fathers of Confederation is as essential today as it ever was to the welfare of our country, this House extends its most cordial greetings to all our sister Provinces as well as to Canadians everywhere, and earnestly hopes that the approaching celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation will be an occasion for knitting together more closely all the various Provinces in a spirit of good-will and co-operation, and that it will serve to renew the devotion to high ideals and the realization of public responsibilities which have long been characteristic of the Canadian people."