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Ontario House Honors, Canadian Club Cheers Senator Claude Pepper

Recess Sweeps Aside
Legislature Formality;
Members Introduced

'SAME STUFF AS YOU'

The Ontario Legislature yesterday set aside Provincial business for half an hour to pay tribute to Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, a friend of Great Britain, whose outspoken support did much to speed the important lease-lend bill.

Premier Hepburn moved the recess. Formality held sway until Speaker James Clark stepped down from the Throne. Then the Premier led Senator Pepper to the point where Mrs. Pepper sat with Mrs. Albert Matthews, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, under the gallery. He brought them forward to the floor of the House, close by where the King and Queen had received their legislators, and, with Col. George A. Drew and Conservatives in the lead, introduced each member to the distinguished visitors.

"Never Such Intimacy."

The ceremony took place directly after Senator Pepper in an address to the House, standing in the place of Major Colin Campbell, absent on active service, pledged the support of his country to the British Empire and to Greece in the war and coupled with this pledge, a second one, that after the war is over his country would not "run out on the world."

"For what he has done for Britain, we cannot measure in terms today," said Premier Hepburn. "He has rendered such a service that the name of Senator Pepper will live in the hearts of the British people."

"Never before has there been such an intimacy of feeling between the people of Canada and the United States as there is today," Colonel Drew said. He believed the first step in bringing about a changed world after the war, a world in which the nations might in peace and goodwill settle international problems, depended upon the development of understanding.

"No one has contributed more to that spirit of understanding than you, sir," Colonel Drew told the Senator.

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Democracy "in your country and mine" has met the problems of the machine age without violating the essential rights founded in institutions emanating from the people themselves, the Senator said. Now, in the war, Canada was meeting the challenge that strikes at its heart, while the people of the United States "who need not be clubbed to come into line," through the processes of democracy "have come to the solemn conclusion that today with Canada and the British Commonwealth we stand as one against a sinister force.

"We can pledge that we are of the same stuff as you," continued Senator Pepper. "When we have put our teeth into something, we do not quit. We have resolved that we shall not quit until the weapons are torn from Hitler's vicious hands and the world can live without the voice of hate and destruction."