

# DREW ATTACKS GORDON SPEECH ABOUT WHEAT

**'Talking Through His  
Hat in Saying It's Not  
Needed to Help Victory'**

"Gross" incompetence" in the handling of Canada's agricultural problems was charged yesterday to the Federal Administration by Ontario Conservative Leader George A. Drew, when in the Legislature he urged Agricultural Minister Dewar to again impress upon Ottawa the necessity of drafting a planned production.

At the same time he characterized as an "amazing speech" that of Donald Gordon, chairman of the War-time Prices and Trade Board, in Winnipeg, on Monday, when that administrator declared: "Wheat is not needed to help win the war." When Mr. Gordon says that, "he is talking through his hat," declared Lieutenant-Colonel Drew.

He claimed too, that if such a statement was going to be made—a statement of policy—that it should have been made by the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

He said it might well be that less wheat should be grown and that production should be centred on soya beans and coarse grains. But as evidence of Government responsibility, such a statement, he said, should come from the agricultural experts directly in contact with farmers.

He also attacked Mr. Gordon for his statement that it was for the people to take on the job for the organization for total war. "Again Mr. Gordon is simply talking through his hat," said Colonel Drew. "It should have dawned on him that it dawned on the people of this country long ago that they wanted to be organized for total war."

need to be told what is the need, because they cannot be organized for war unless the leadership and organization comes from the top."

Failure of the Federal Administration "to tell the farmers of this country what should be done before they are ready to plant their seeds for this year, is exactly the sort of incompetence and stupidity which can lose the war," said Colonel Drew.