

GERMANY WANTS CANADA

"Would Enslave us Like Belgians;" Says Col. Currie

Orangeville, Dec. 1.—The inaugural meeting of the Canadian Club here was held in the Opera House. The president, A. A. Hugson, occupied the chair, and a large audience was present to hear an address by Colonel Currie, M.P.

The speaker referred to the great advantage possessed by Germany in the earlier stages of the war in men and munitions. Proceeding, he said that national service was the French idea, and if Britain had adopted conscription two years ago the war would be a year nearer its conclusion.

There would be a great campaign in 1917 and we must prepare for it, said Col. Currie. Germany was full of munition works, and from reliable information the speaker declared Germany is actually prosperous under war conditions, although food is scarce. The Germans allowed ten per cent. net profit on munitions, and every year they have 700,000 young men ready for the army. We must not lag behind or lose what we have gained. "If we sit down we are licked," declared the Colonel. Canada was the prize Germany wanted, and it was therefore Canada's war. We had no time to squabble over politics. Just as sure as Germany won Canadians would be enslaved as were the Belgians. The Monroe Doctrine and the United States could not help us.

The Colonel closed his address by urging that all political differences be forgotten until the war was over, and urged special kindness to returned soldiers. A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Rev. W. M. Morris, seconded by D. McPherson, who has four sons in khaki. The latter said the present was no time for political, ecclesiastical or racial issues.