

HON. W.H. HEARST'S ABLE DEFENSE OF ENGLISH EMIGRANT

Responded to the Toast to
"The Day" at St. George's
Banquet at Toronto.

INDOMITABLE PLUCK OUTSTANDING FEATURE

A Briton is Advance Agent
of Civilization and
Christianity.

Toronto, April 24.—At St. George's Society banquet last night, Hon. W. H. Hearst, responding to the toast of "The Day," said that while it was a great thing to be an Englishman, it was even greater to be a member of the British Empire and to take part in the upbuilding of the Empire, and in the advance of civilization. He paid a great tribute to the indomitable pluck of the English, whom he described as the advance agency of civilization and Christianity. Britons, whether English, Scotch or Irish, were the pioneers of civilization and colonization, thousands of men and women coming to Canada yearly from the old land, and those going to other overseas dominions were true loyalists, as they carried the glorious traditions of Britain to the remotest parts of the world, and founded new communities comprising true and loyal citizens. Only those who had travelled had a real conception of the greatness of Britain's might and majesty. Here in Canada there was a great deal of lip loyalty, and many people asserted that there was too much talk and too little action, but after all the men and women who were extending the boundaries of the Empire and spreading civilization, liberty and equality, were doing a great work for the betterment of the world. Wherever British emigrants went they were a force for good, and in developing a new country of the world they were strengthening the trade and commerce of the home land, and rendering valuable assistance to those left at home.

The value of this work was often overlooked, and while he thought that Canadians might and ought to take a greater share of the burden of Empire, yet it could not be denied that in Canada they were doing a great work for the development of the Empire.