

MUST FIGHT ENEMIES WITHOUT AND WITHIN

MR. ROWELL OPENS SERIES OF ADDRESSES ON WAR AT PORT ARTHUR.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Port Arthur, Ont., June 28.—Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., spent the day in Port Arthur, leaving to-night for Winnipeg, where he addresses the Canadian Club to-morrow. This afternoon, under the auspices of the Port Arthur Canadian Club, he addressed a public meeting in Trinity Church on the subject "Democracy and the War." He was entertained here by influential citizens, and was shown around the city, taking advantage of the occasion to secure much information about the needs and conditions of the district. Mr. Rowell will speak on the war at a number of meetings in western cities, going as far as the coast. His speech here was the first of the series.

He powerfully contrasted the progress of absolutism and militarism in Germany with the triumph of democracy and free institutions in Britain. This was a war of ideals, in which the freedom of the world was at stake. Our fathers would not accept the tyranny of their own Kings. Shall we, their sons, submit to the greater tyranny of alien Kings? he asked. He felt that Canada had not fulfilled all her responsibilities, and saw no reason why we should not do as much in proportion to population as Britain. On this basis we would send 500,000 men. The city of Birmingham, not much larger than Toronto, had sent 60,000.

Mr. Rowell added: "We are fighting the enemies of democracy and free government on the battlefields of Europe. We must also fight the enemies of democracy and free government at home. While our brave sons have brought honor and glory to the name of Canada, we have been humiliated and dishonored by revelations of corruption and graft at home. Democracy can survive as a vital and governing force only if it maintains its purity and integrity. The corruptionist and grafter are more dangerous to free government than even Germans, because they divide our forces and fight us from within our own gates. We must unite to defeat both.

"It is not essential that either political party should be in power at any particular period in our history; but it is essential that we should preserve alive the soul of Canada, that we should preserve the substance as well as the form of free government. The best men in all parties should unite to wage relentless and unceasing war on the corruptionists and grafters in high places and in low. We must intern or destroy these enemies who, just as certainly as the Germans, but more subtly, are warring against democracy and free government in Canada. It will require more courage to do it than to enlist and go to the front. Are we equal to the task?"