

# ZIONISTS GATHER FOR CONFERENCE

## Delegates Welcomed to Toronto —Express Loyalty to Canada and the Empire

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Formal welcome to the Jews in attendance at the Zionist conference at the Prince George hotel in this city was extended this morning by Hon. N. W. Rowell, on behalf of the Dominion government; Sir Wm. Hearst, premier of Ontario and Mayor Church and Controllers Robbins and McBride, for the city.

"Canadian is a name big enough to cover us all," said Hon. N. W. Rowell, "and we should all work together irrespective of race or creed, to build up a great Canadian commonwealth. The future of the country is not in class or creed conflicts, but in co-operation as common citizens."

In responding, the president, the Belgian Consul General, at Montreal, C. I. De Sola, said:

"While we have Zionist ideals, we are second to none in our loyalty to Canada and the British empire. It does not mean that all the Jews will return to the Holy Land, and those who remain in Canada will be second to none in their devotion to this country."

Robert Kesselman, of New York, comptroller of the Palestine restoration fund, stated that they required \$5,000,000 a year from the Jews of America for the restoring of the Holy Land, instead of the \$2,000,000 hitherto collected.

Money was needed to rebuild the Holy Land, and he declared there would be a massed meeting of the Jews in Palestine this year.

This afternoon's session was featured by the ringing tribute of Chas. A. Cowen, New York, to the memory of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, whom he described was a "true and great friend of the Jewish people."

A warm discussion followed the presentation of the report of the Young Judea societies. Delegates Isofsky, of Winnipeg, said it was the duty of the older people to help the youths more than had been done.