

VETERANS TO CALL MASS MEETING TO DEBATE ON DIXON

Executive Decides To Learn Opinion of Citizens On Ut- terances of Local Member

A mass meeting of electors of Centre Winnipeg, to discuss the attitude of F. J. Dixon, M.P.P., will be called early next week, the Army and Navy Veterans' executive unanimously decided Saturday night. Secretary W. A. Shepard will arrange for a hall and name the date.

Another meeting, in North Winnipeg, to discuss R. A. Rigg, will be called shortly after the Centre Winnipeg one, it was decided.

The meetings will be preliminary to taking any action necessary to get F. J. Dixon and R. A. Rigg out of any public capacity. It was felt their utterances might have effect on a certain portion of Winnipeg aliens.

A motion that the Great War Veterans' association, which has taken a strong stand against Dixon and Rigg, be requested to join with them in the campaign was passed unanimously.

Discuss Dixon's Speech

The veterans' executive meeting, which was presided over by Lieut.-Col. G. F. Carruthers, was called to discuss Controller Puttee, Aldermen Simpson, Queen and Wiggington, as well as the two members of parliament, but the discussion was later confined to Dixon.

Among officers who attended were Major P. E. Prideaux, chief ordnance officer of Military District No. 10; Capt. W. C. Crombie, veteran of the 5th Battalion; Capt. H. A. Seely, 236th Battalion, formerly of the 8th; Lieut. Cockrill, 5th Battalion; Lieut. G. B. Muirhead, 8th Battalion; Lieut. J. C. Baker, 10th Battalion; David Forrester, W. J. Tupper, K.C., and John R. Post, of Green Ridge, Man., were among the civilians present.

Represents Small Body

Col. Carruthers said that while Dixon's statements in public meeting and in the house might be passed over were he a private individual, they could not be overlooked in view of his position. He seemed to think he was to represent a small body with which he agreed, rather than the majority of his constituents. He certainly was not representing the Trades and Labor council.

The chairman, J. Hillyard Leech and Comrade Joe Tennant expressed fear that aliens might be fooled by Dixon and Rigg into believing they had license to express similar thoughts.

W. J. Tupper, K.C., expressed wonder that the speaker of the house did not check Dixon, or that the members did not walk out while he spoke.

Major Prideaux said he thought the house was giving Dixon a chance to commit himself irreparably before checking him. The matter was simple enough. Treason, he believed, was punishable by death in times of war. Dixon was well on his way to committing treason, he said.

Calls Dixon Traitor

John R. Post, a veteran of the Fenian raids, and Charles Midwinter, denounced Dixon as a traitor who should be in jail or against a brick wall.

Col. Carruthers emphasized his assertion that the Veterans were absolutely non-political, and called on Dixon's political enemies to express themselves without any fear that their views be ascribed to party feeling.