

Actions a Disgrace Says Convention

Toronto, Aug. 3.—“We, the G.W.V.A., as composed of returned soldiers, condemn the grave breach of civil and military discipline taken part in by some ‘returned soldiers’ in the city of Toronto yesterday. It is just by such actions as these that the work of the G.W.V.A. is hampered and our cause brought into disrepute throughout Canada in the public mind.”

This motion, moved by Col. W. H. Hendrie, of Montreal, and seconded

by Comrade Dyson, of Calgary, was passed by an unanimous vote at the Dominion convention this morning.

Maor Macpherson, of Ottawa, introduced another motion to the effect that:

“The Dominion executive be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the rioting and that the ringleaders be punished.”

Comrade Dyson stated that Calgary had already gone through similar experiences. He continued:

“It was a disgraceful proceeding on the part of returned men to take such action in their own hands. We of the west do not believe in or tolerate such actions.”

Comrade Macpherson declared he would not deal with the affair in such moderate terms as expressed in the resolution. “It was a disgrace,” he declared. “I was in one of the places raided. They simply smashed everything in the place. Not content with that they broke into the till.”

“Such actions hurt the cause of the returned men. We shouldn’t be content with a resolution condemning the outrage. We should instruct the new executive to take civil action against the ringleaders. If we don’t take action we are practically in the position of encouraging such affairs. The worst affair is that a

lot of the men were on crutches and some without arms.”

Comrade McCloud said that in view of the peculiar situation of allied and enemy aliens in Toronto, there was at least cause for a protest by returned soldiers. He said that aliens could put things over that an ordinary “Tommy” couldn’t.

The remainder of the comrade’s speech was hooted down and by special request of the president not given publicly.

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