

# DEPORT ALL ENEMY ALIENS

## Hamilton Mass Meeting Adopts Resolution, Ap- points Deputation

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Hamilton, Feb. 9.—That the Government should deport all enemy aliens and other undesirables at once, and thus remove a menace to this country, is the substance of a resolution passed at a mass meeting held in the Lyric Theatre this afternoon under the auspices of the Great War Veterans' Association. The meeting also appointed a committee of five to take this to Ottawa and present it to the Government and remain there until it gets assurance from the Government that it will do as asked. The deputation was instructed not to be put off with any evasions or promises of consideration.

The theatre was filled to the doors, and many who could not obtain admittance gathered outside and were addressed there on the subject that was spoken on in the theatre. Mayor Booker was in the chair, and the new G.W.V.A. band was in attendance.

### Should be Deported at Once.

F. W. Tresham introduced the resolution referred to. It sets forth that there are many enemy aliens in this city who enjoyed protection without contributing to the burdens of war, that many of these are now in employment to the exclusion of Canadians, that it is impossible to assimilate them, and that as they are a menace they and other undesirables be deported immediately.

Mr. Tresham stated that there were many out-and-out anarchists in this city and some Bolsheviks. The names of some of these were known, and the G.W.V.A. stood ready to aid the authorities in any action they might deem advisable. The man who suggested a conflict between Capital and Labor was an enemy of his country. They should use constitutional methods to obtain what was needed, and if the Government would not do the needful thing they should fire a volley of ballots that would get what they wanted.

### Make Demands, But in Orderly Way.

Sergt.-Major W. Jordan said the time had come to stop making appeals to the Government. They should now make demands. He urged that they do everything in an orderly way, and not resort to any mob violence such as was used in Winnipeg. The Government was to blame for the unrest in the country among the soldiers. The soldiers had been side-stepped so often that they should now see that the Government came across. The undesirables must be deported immediately. There were 4,000 enemy aliens here, most of them working, and between 4,000 and 5,000 Canadians out of employment. Many cases of aliens insulting women and children on the streets had been reported.

### Two Firms Criticized.

H. G. Fester of the Trades and Labor Council said the Council was behind the principle of the resolution. He thought all undesirable aliens should be included. The Government had allowed too much cheap labor to enter the country, and was to blame for the present situation because it had not made plans to meet it. He referred to a large industry in this city which had not treated its employees fairly. The name was demanded, and he stated it was the Tuckett Cigar Company. A powerful and influential member of the Government was a Director of that firm. In the early days of the war it posted placards announcing that all men who enlisted would get their jobs on their return. Now the plant was closed and moved to Montreal, where cheap French-Canadian labor was employed. There was a firm in Toronto of similar stripe. It moved to Montreal and employed only women and children.

### Calls for Discretion; Howled Down.

F. F. MacPherson said they should use discretion in deporting aliens. He thought the reason some aliens were not assimilated was that

they were isolated and went into colonies. This should not be allowed. At this point someone in the audience began to howl, and made such a clamor that Mr. MacPherson was obliged to take his seat.

A. C. Garden said the Board of Trade was in sympathy with the resolution, but he thought it should carry a suggestion as to how it should be given effect. He proposed that a committee be appointed in this city to consider the deportation of all undesirable aliens. Eighty per cent. of the men who occupied the jail in this city were foreigners.

A. H. Peart, in seconding the resolution, which was carried, said if the soldiers could not get their grievances adjusted in a constitutional way, he, as President of the East End branch of the G.W.V.A., would not be responsible for what might happen in that part of the city.

C. R. McCullough moved that a committee of five be named to present the deportation resolution to Ottawa, and the following were named: F. W. Tresham, representing the G.W.V.A.; H. G. Fester, representing the Trades Council; C. R. McCullough, representing the Canadian Club; Controller Halcrow representing the city, and A. C. Garden, representing the Board of Trade.

A committee will also be appointed to co-operate with the G.W.V.A. in the matter of placing returned soldiers in positions.