

POLISH CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG ARE AGAINST GERMANY

**Strong Resolutions Were Adopted
at Mass Meeting Held on
Sunday.**

**Looking to Britain and France
Co-operating With Russia to
Obtain Nation's Freedom.**

A mass meeting of the Polish citizens of Winnipeg was held on Sunday at the Queen's theatre, at which over 300 attended. This meeting was called under the auspices of the Polish Gymnastic association, better known as the Falcon's (Sokol) alliance. Maksymilian Wiktor acted as chairman, with K. Warowy as secretary.

The speakers of the day were S. Dybek, C. P. Kamienski and J. Nowacki, who in exhaustive speeches outlined the political position of the Polish nation at the present moment.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Whereas at the present moment the fortunes of the European powers are being waged and bloody war is raging on Polish soil, to which we hold the first right of possession and the present strife, no doubt, will bring about certain changes of the map of Europe;

Whereas the present European war has been brought about by the exaggerated Prussian military system, and the unbounded arrogance of modern Teuton feudalism, which drove Austria to war with the Slav nations, to whose rescue hastened their gallant allies—Britain and France.

Whereas, Prussia's victory would in its consequences be the cause of still greater sufferings of our brethren at present living under Prussian rule; on the other hand the victory of the Slav nations, with Britain and France as allies, would reunite all three parts of our country into one, and would thereby strengthen our nation in its strife for freedom, the claim to which has never been outlawed by time;

Whereas, we, Polish men and women, at present living abroad, although bodily removed from our brethren in the old land, yet with heart and soul participating with them in the dreadful sufferings and the anxiety of our great nation, over 500,000 of the best and physically most fit youth of which, in this bloody encounter, have to fight in the armies of our foes, shedding their life-blood for the glory of the war lords.

We, the Polish people of the City of Winnipeg, assembled at a representative mass meeting, do hereby:

Declare to the world and the powers engaged in this present war in particular, that our nation never renounced its right and claim to any part of Polish territory, nor those liberties that are due and owing to all nations, and more especially to a nation, so highly-cultured and civilized as ours.

We condemn as ruinous to all nations: the military system, which to-day Prussia is promoting, because to protect their frontiers against Teuton aggression other powers are compelled to maintain a like system of military defence, and in order that this said system be crushed for ever and Prussian impudence be curbed (which resting upon the strength of its military power, has declared war upon almost the whole of Europe), we heartily wish a glorious victory to the Slav nations and thereby to France and Britain, under whose constitutional government we have been enjoying the greatest freedom possible in this our adopted land, Canada, which, in case of need, we will gladly defend against all foes.

We demand for our nation, which for centuries has lived on Polish soil, a reunion of our territory into one and such liberties as our standing among cultured and civilized nations entitles us to enjoy, and in this spirit we accept the autonomy at present offered us, provided, said autonomy will receive the endorsement and guarantee of the constitutional powers: Britain and France, not as a gift or favor of the Czar, but as a deposit on account of the rights, the world owes us;

We express our sincere sympathy to our brethren in the old country, who are suffering most, by being directly exposed to all the hardships, this war has brought about, and at this moment of our nation's mourning the loss of their beloved ones, we renounce all worldly pleasures and enjoyments, as not befitting at such times as this, and vow to support, to the best of our ability, the emergency fund, now being started by the Polish Falcons (Sokol) alliance in our city.

Long live the Slav nations and their gallant allies, Britain and France

Long live Poland, independent and free.