

Winnipeg "War Meeting" Unanimously Determined Take Full Part in War

Ten Thousand Citizens Attend Gathering—Resolutions Passed Urging Government To Organize Additional Force of 100,000 Active Militia—Also To Increase R.N.W.M.P.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 27.—Mayor Deacon today called the citizens of Winnipeg to a "war meeting" tonight. Nearly ten thousand responded, and unanimously expressed determination to do their full part in the defence of the Empire and the carrying on of its just war. The meeting was scheduled to take place in the auditorium of the industrial bureau, but when 6,000 had crowded into the hall the throng continued thence to the lecture hall, where an overflow meeting was held in the lecture hall. This was also crowded, and many had to stay outside or return home.

Urges Government

In the auditorium Mayor Deacon presided, and after many speakers had urged the cause of the great war and of the Empire's part in it, the resolutions were passed, and requesting the government to undertake the organization of an additional force of active militia of 100,000 men, in order to send successive divisions to support or augment the army in the field; this to be in addition to the regular militia. Another resolution requested the government to increase the Northwest Mounted Police to at least 3,000 men for service on the Great Lakes and Pacific.

The speakers included His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Sir D. C. Cameron, Sir Hugh J. Macdonald, Sir Albert Atkins, Bishop Grosdale, Alderman Skelton on behalf of the Russian population, Alvin K. Godfrey, representing the grain exchange (an American citizen); Edward McGrath, past president of the Trades and Labor council, and W. E. Latigan.

Resolutions Passed

The resolutions in detail follow: Moved by Sir Hugh John Macdonald, seconded by A. M. Nantais:

Whereas, the people of the British Empire have been forced into an unjust and unprovoked war by a military despotism which seeks to impose upon the world its system of government based on physical force, and

Whereas the form of British government stands for democracy and individual freedom, and

Whereas the people of Canada, as an integral portion of the Empire, are determined to do their full part in the defence of the Empire, therefore, be it

Resolved, by this mass meeting of the people of Winnipeg, that in order to have available a sufficient number of trained men to meet

(1) Whatever calls will have to be made for volunteers to serve abroad, and

(2) To perform whatever duties may be necessary for the defence of Canada,

Additional Force

The government of Canada be requested to accept, pending a resolution to increase the existing militia to full strength, including the contingent which has already been mobilized with such expedition, to authorize and undertake with as little delay as possible the organization, recruiting, equipping and training of an additional force of active militia of 100,000 men in order to be enabled to send successive divisions to support or augment the army in the field.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the honorable minister of militia and all the cities of Canada with the request for their support.

Moved by Sir Douglas Cameron, seconded by Bishop Grosdale:

That the citizens of Winnipeg, at the meeting assembled, respectfully request the government of Canada to increase the Northwest Mounted Police to at least 3,000 men for service between the Great Lakes and the Pacific.