

HEBREW CITIZENS ARE LOYAL TO FLAG

**Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night
Addressed by Ex-Mayor Waugh
—Canvas for Patriotic Fund.**

Their loyalty to the British flag, the Hebrews of Winnipeg handsomely demonstrated last night. They packed to the door the Hebrew hall, cheered enthusiastically patriotic speeches, and unanimously decided to contribute as liberally as means will permit to the Patriotic fund, a resolution that a committee be appointed to canvas Jewish residents of the city being carried.

D. Balcoveke, the chairman, expressed his great pleasure at the large attendance, stating that it was obvious the Hebrews of Winnipeg appreciated thoroughly the liberty and privileges they enjoyed as a result of living under the British flag. He held that Great Britain had been forced into the war in order to maintain principles which they all valued greatly, and it was incumbent upon the Hebrews of Winnipeg to show their appreciation of the cause for which Great Britain was fighting by trying to help the families of the gallant soldiers who had left Winnipeg to fight for the mother country.

Ex-mayor Waugh, of the Patriotic fund committee, after showing how Great Britain had been compelled to enter the war, declared that the whole British empire was aroused. All parts were rallying to the flag, and no part was doing its share better than the Dominion of Canada. Not only had she sent gifts of food, but, dearer than everything else, her sons to assist Great Britain in fighting against the common foe.

Had Duty to Perform.

"Those left behind," said Mr. Waugh, "have a duty to perform. Many of the soldiers have left wives and little children behind them, and it is our duty to see that they are well taken care of until the husbands and fathers come back. 'Go to the front, boys, and we shall look after the dear ones you leave behind.' That is what Canadians had told the gallant soldiers, and it is for all who live in Canada, irrespective of race, to do what they can in aid of the fund being raised for the purpose."

Mr. Waugh spoke of how the fund would be administered, the splendid work of the women helpers, the patriotic action of the doctors, and said the question for the Jewish people came to this: "What can we do?" He was proud to see such a meeting, as it spoke well for the splendid loyalty of the Hebrew people, and for their great interest in the work of providing for the wives and children of the soldiers.

All Should Give.

"The contribution need not be big," Mr. Waugh pointed out, "but we feel that you all can deny yourselves to a certain extent to help this worthy object. All the money, you can depend upon it, will be well and wisely expended. None will be squandered. Every dollar will go where it is intended to go and where it will do the most good."

Continuing, the speaker said, he admitted that it was a time to feel gloomy over business affairs, but, at the same time, they had a good deal to be thankful for. Canada was not being devastated by the foe, and he was quite sure that when the war was over Canada would enjoy a greater measure of prosperity than ever before. "This is not a time to think of the beliefs, the creeds, and the racial differences that divide us," the ex-mayor asserted amid applause. "We are all loyal Canadians. I believe that one of the nicest things that will happen in connection with the war will be that the Winnipeggers, whatever our race, will be drawn closer together by friendship, citizenship, loyalty of feeling and desire to help the depend-

ents of those who have gone to fight for the honor of the empire, and the interests of us all."

Had More Reasons for Patriotism.

Rabbi Gorodsky, in the course of a fervent speech, in Yiddish, declared that the foreign people of Canada should feel an even greater patriotism than the British. Freedom was natural to the British. They were born to it, whereas many of the foreign population knew what slavery meant, and, therefore, were in all the better position to appreciate the true benefits and blessings of freedom. "The Patriotic fund had no connection with charity," said the rabbi. "It was the absolute duty of those who cannot go to the front to help the dependents of those who have gone away, and I am sure the Hebrews of Winnipeg will esteem it a pleasure and a privilege to give what they can."

Will Start Canvas.

Rev. H. J. Sandheim moved the following resolution: "That the action of the committee in taking steps to convene this meeting be approved, and that a committee be appointed to take a canvas of the Jewish residents of Winnipeg for contributions to the Patriotic fund." The speaker pointed out that the object of the resolution was to give the non-English speaking Jews, as well as others, an opportunity of contributing to the fund and, by taking advantage of it, of demonstrating that they were well prepared to play their part in the present crisis.

Ald. Skaletar seconded, and the resolution was passed so enthusiastically, that Ald. Shore, the next speaker, declared the enthusiasm spoke volumes for the patriotism of the Jewish people.

Other speakers included L. H. Veisman, R. S. Robinson, M. Steinkoff, S. Hart Green, M. Abrahamson, E. A. Cohen, and B. J. Goldstein, editor of the Canadian Israelite.

Arrangements for the canvas were made at the close of the meeting, volunteers for the work being numerous.