

# 'Fighting For A Myth' Men Are Scored In 'Peg

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Lieut.-Col. F. G. Carruthers, speaking to an audience of three hundred people, at a concert given under the auspices of the St. James company of the Winnipeg Reserve militia, in McGee hall, confirmed reports which have been circulated in Winnipeg recently that there were German influences working in the city.

"The opposition to National Service in Winnipeg originated in German and Austrian circles," he said. "Although the anti-registration committee of the Trades and Labor council did not know it, they were carrying out the schemes, the ideas, the aims of aliens, when they called their anti-registration meetings and so bitterly attacked National Service.

The colonel stated that the Germans were "past masters," at the art of destroying the patriotism of a nation. "And this art is working in Winnipeg today."

"I know," he said, "that the majority of the people in Winnipeg have in some way been touched by the war. many of you here have had brothers, or husbands, or fathers, or relatives or friends, wounded or killed by German shells.

"Can you stand it when a German tells you that we are fighting for a myth, that they will not sign their National Service cards, that they will do nothing to help in the winning of the war?"

## WINNIPEG CIVIC STAFF THREATENS STRIKE

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Will a strike occur of all the civic clerical staffs?

This question is being seriously discussed at the city hall.

Considerable dissatisfaction is felt at the decision of the Board of Control who some days ago deferred considering any increase of salaries until the framing of the 1917-1918 estimates in which case any increases which might be recommended would take effect only from May 1st.

For the present, petitions for increases which were handed in by nearly all the civic departments, have been laid over to be considered later. This course is resented by the employees who consider that they have waited too long already, and decided at a meeting Friday that nothing less than an immediate reply to their demands would suffice.

The matter is expected to be brought to a head early this week by a deputation of employees calling up on the board.