

LOCAL ORANGEMEN WANT CONSCRIPTION

Also Urge a Coalition Win-the-War Government and Votes For All Soldiers.

Seek Disfranchisement of Aliens and Conscientious Objectors to Military Service.

Orangemen assembled in mass meeting at the Scott Memorial hall last night unanimously adopted the following strong resolutions and wired them to Premier Borden at Ottawa:

We demand that conscription be enforced at once in every part of Canada.

"That the aliens be disfranchised, or, failing this, segregated.

"That all conscientious objectors to military service be disfranchised,

"That the nearest male kin be permitted a proxy vote for the prisoner of war.

"That the nearest female kin over 20 years of age be given the vote of the soldier overseas; and

"That we stand united for a coalition win-the-war government."

The telegram bore the signatures of John Easton, grand master and chairman of the legislative committee, and J. M. Thompson, secretary of the legislative committee.

Capt. Rev. H. A. Fish, of Owen Sound, past grand chaplain of the Orange Order of British America, delivered an impressive and powerful address on the part which Canada was playing in the war at the present time.

Capt. Fish, after dealing with the events leading up to the beginning of the struggle, stated that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier had not been bound down by certain religious influences the situation in Quebec would be in a more healthy condition than it was today. He (the speaker) had no doubt that the young men of Quebec would have long ago done their duty if they had had the advantage of proper leadership, and while he believed in being charitable, he felt constrained to say that he thought the whip should be applied to the back of the slacker who stood looking on while the boys in the trenches were doing their bit for the great cause of democracy. Capt. Fish said that the time had now arrived when all party politics should be entirely eliminated, and that the one aim of all true Canadians should be the speedy winning of the war. It was futile to talk about voluntary enlistment, and the sooner conscription was put into effect the better for the future peace of Canada.

Over 80,000 Orangemen in Army.

The speaker also referred to the fact that since the outbreak of the war over 80,000 Orangemen had enlisted for active service, and he concluded by urging his hearers to do everything in their power to assist in sending more men to the front to help the gallant lads now fighting in the trenches.

Col. Mullins also addressed the meeting briefly. He stated that the man in Canada who stood and looked on while the boys in France called for help was wholly unworthy of consideration. "So long as Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to take definite action and persisted in playing party

politics, just so long would the blood of the men in the trenches remain on his head," said Col. Mullins, who added that this was no time for party politics. "What we want now is a party to win the war, and nothing else, and it is up to the west to protect its interests," he concluded.