

# CURB PROFITS OF THE ALIEN

## War Veterans Urge That His Employment be Properly Watched

### NO NEUTRAL ALIENS

Meeting at Massey Hall Preceded by  
an Impressive  
Parade.

Great War Veterans are determined that aliens shall no longer be allowed to work for high wages while British subjects are sent to war. At a tremendous meeting Saturday afternoon, which crowded Massey Hall to its capacity with returned men and their friends and relatives, a drastic resolution was carried unanimously asking for strong action.

The resolution demanded that aliens of enemy origin should be employed in works of national importance or in industries essential to the winning of the war. This work should be done under proper surveillance by employers, and all earning over \$1.10 a day taken by the Government for war purposes. It further asked that the Military Service Act be applied to all allied aliens to the same extent as it is to British subjects and that neutral aliens should be treated as allied aliens. Finally the resolution recommended that no steps should be taken to call out the second or any other class under the Military Service Act, or to return any married men to France of the First Canadian Contingent, until the question of the disposition of the aliens has been settled in a manner satisfactory to the citizens of Canada.

#### Parade Precedes Meeting.

The meeting was held by the Great War Veterans' Association, and 5,000 veterans paraded to Massey Hall. Besides these men, there were in the parade "Original Firsts," veterans of other wars, and a large number of women members of the auxiliaries of the different branches of the G.W.V.A. Impressive banners were carried with mottoes such as: "We'll get you, Mr. Alien." "What does the alien care for Canada?" "We didn't fight to fatten aliens." "Married men next the aliens still going." "Enemy aliens, friendly aliens, neutral aliens exempted from everything. Why?" "Take heed, Ottawa. Toronto's in dead earnest." "Conscript all British, exempt all aliens. Why?"

#### Mayor Church Scores Government.

Mayor Church presided at the meeting and got a remarkable reception from the veterans. When he rose to speak it was three or four minutes before the cheering died away so he could be heard. He promptly and vigorously attacked the Government on the alien question. The document issued by the Government was simply special pleading. "We don't want a Government of excuses at the present time; we want a Government that will do something," he declared amid tremendous cheering.

After showing that no aliens could be employed by the city of Toronto the Mayor said that a returned soldier could get nothing at Ottawa, but when a vacancy occurred in the Senate a party worker got it, and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons was an anti-conscriptorist. The Mayor also drew a distinction between the Knights of to-day and the Knights of the Crusades, the latter giving their purse to the cause as well as their lives.

#### First Contingent Men There.

The First Contingent men took their places on the platform and were cheered tremendously. Col. William Hendrie of Hamilton said that they would have to tell Ottawa and the aliens to "come on in this war, or get out." Secretary William Turley of the G.W.V.A. declared that aliens were now running North Ontario. The veterans wanted certain things done and they were going to get them done. "Canada cannot remain British if we permit the establishment of an alien autocracy."

He announced that a committee from the Great War Veterans' Association was to meet the Premier and Cabinet in Ottawa this week on the matter. There were more than a thousand Chinamen working at munition factories in the district of Welland, said Mr. Turley. The Chinaman was the most inoffensive of all aliens, but if South Africa chased him out so should Canada.

#### Women are Enthusiastic.

The resolution was moved by Harold Meredith and seconded by Sergt. D. Jarvis, who both spoke to it briefly. It was carried with tremendous applause and cheering.

Numbers of convalescent veterans were at the meeting, occupying front seats, and among the whole audience there was not a dissenting voice. The women in the audience seemed more enthusiastic than the men, and many times called out to the speakers on the platform remarks derogatory to aliens that drew approval from the auditorium.