

PARKDALE SECRETARY

G.W.V.A. HAS RESIGNED

Mr. Eveson, in Stepping Out,
Warmly Defends His De-
partment-From Attack.

MUCH OVERWORKED

R. W. Fletcher Appointed Repre-
sentative to the York County
Headquarters' Executive.

Before a large and, at times, rather stormy meeting the members of the Parkdale G.W.V.A. at their regular meeting in Khaki Hall, Dovern Court and Queen, appointed R. W. Fletcher representative on the York County headquarters executive and accepted the resignation of branch secretary Ulysses Eveson.

Practically all the time given to the disposal of the business of the association was spent in verifying the report of the special committee appointed by the executive to find out how the affairs of the branch were being administered. It was brought out in the report that the sub-committee had found correspondence, filing systems and other details in an unsatisfactory condition, whereupon the resignation of Secretary Eveson had been asked to take effect on April 15th.

Fault With Secretary?

The discussion all centred on whether the secretary had been efficient in the discharge of his duties or whether the report of the investigation committee should be endorsed in its entirety.

President D. Jarvis led the attack in form of the adoption of the report. He contended that the committee appointed had performed its work in a clean-cut and praiseworthy manner.

"We have to have the affairs of this association kept in an up-to-date, systematic manner," he said. "Now is a good time to commence. We are under obligations not only to the returned men, but to those who are yet to return."

Mr. Eveson's Defence.

Secretary Eveson in reply, read the following communication to the members:

"To the Members of Parkdale Branch,
G.W.V.A.:

"Comrades,—

"I hereby tender to you my resignation as secretary-treasurer of Parkdale branch, demanded by your Executive Committee at a special meeting called Wednesday evening, March 20th.

"While handing in my resignation to you, I do so under protest for the manner in which the executive have taken to declare this position vacant. Realizing the amount of work that has been entailed in the building up of this branch, I do consider that I have fulfilled my position in the best possible manner under the conditions, and would point out that an assistant stenographer and bookkeeper was asked for at a meeting of the executive on Feb. 6th, but this was turned down. Again I asked that I be allowed to employ temporary assistance, the amount not to exceed \$50 in any one month; this also was turned down. Now I am judged incapable of performing the duties of my office. Is it because I was inefficient or more probably on account of the amount of work devolving on the position of secretary-treasurer?"

"I would draw your attention to the fact that the secretaries of the other branches have had extra assistance in their office or in other ways, Central branch having an assistant. West Toronto branch have their Finance Committee attend to the book-keeping and paying of accounts. Your branch, being numerically and financially the largest in the city, has left all this work for one man to do, besides the other work relative to the office, such as distress, adjustments, claims, coal, etc., etc.

"Thanking the members of Parkdale branch for the support they have given me in the past, and hoping that the branch will continue to prosper in the future, I can only add that I will always be willing to do all I can to further the interests of this branch and the G. W. V. A. as a whole,

"Believe me to be.

"Yours fraternally,