

PRIVATE PEAT BACKS TROOPS

Entertains Big Audience at
Massey Hall With War
Stories

UNDER G.W.V.A. AUSPICES

Warns the Dominion Against Peril
of the **Enemy**
Alien.

Private Peat of the 3rd Battalion, who is described as "the man who spent two years in hell and came out with a smile," transferred his smile to an interested audience in Massey Hall last night, assembled under the auspices of the Great War Veterans' Association. Private Peat does not move by oratory or by logical dialectics, but he moves all the same. He has an effective, winning manner, which is sometimes a little over-ingenuous.

A vaudeville entertainment preceded the lecture by Private Peat.

He told many stories of the men with whom he himself had fought side-by-side. He said they were often a "ragamuffin bunch—but they made good." He castigated "the average narrow-minded person who takes a trip through the trenches and listens to the swearing and takes no notice of the actions, and concludes that they are all going down fast."

University Men There.

"There are Oxford and Harvard men, priests and ministers over there, and they all cuss," said Private Peat. "We are just a blooming bunch of roughs that are there to kill or be killed. A man may go over the top and die with an oath on his lips, but deep down in his heart is a love for mother or sweetheart. They are a funny bunch over there; they don't preach, but they do a lot of practising."

Will End Hypocrisy.

The private had some fun at the expense of religious people. He declared that "this war will wipe hypocrisy out of our lives forever. You send your tracts for us to read, but why don't you read them first!"

He pleaded for more frequent letter-writing from home. The mail, he said, was the only channel through which the men can keep in touch with the spiritual and moral influences of home. The men did not worry about themselves, but they worried about their loved ones at home. He urged relatives to write nothing but cheerful letters.

Watch the Enemy Aliens.

Referring to the **enemy alien** problem in Canada, Private Peat said these **aliens** were responsible for most of the fires and blowing up of granaries and plants that had been so frequent during the war-time. "Have you watched your German friend? Have you watched your next-door neighbor? Be a detective for the men at the front," said Private Peat.