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BE DEPORTED

Col. A. W. Woods Delivers Powerful Address Before Grain Growers' Convention at Brandon

Declares Germany is Still Great Source of Danger—Plan Rapid Restoration of Man Power

Should Build Best Possible for Men Who Represented Canada in Field of Battle

Immigration Policy of the Future Subject of Address by Dr. Thornton

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Brandon, Man., Jan. 9.—"Every enemy alien in Canada should be deported. Any people who abuse the freedom they have enjoyed under the British flag have no right to the protection of the British flag.

"Do you think we are done with Germany? We are not done with them. We have overlooked the beast in our midst. Russia overlooked the beast, poor Russia, and see what she has paid. Britain overlooked them and nearly shared the same fate of chaos. The United States overlooked them, and very nearly paid for her blindness, and Canada will yet pay dearly if she is not wide awake.

"I said the world is not done with Germany. It will take Germany 20 years to restore her man power, and then she will try again to dominate the world. I say she can restore that man power in twenty years. There is something that I want to say. I hardly like to say it in a mixed audience, but it should be said, and I will venture. During the past two years all Germany has been turned into a human stock-breeding farm. There is proof, there is documentary proof, of proclamation that every woman of suitable age, be she maid, wife, or widow, must become a mother, legally or illegally. There is something behind this more than its immorality, and it is the determination to once again attempt the mastery of the world, and they will attempt it if the men at the peace conference do not frame conditions which will render Germany powerless to again attempt military domination, and they of the peace conference will singularly fail in their duty if they stop short of this. No, we are not yet done with Germany."

This was a part of the message which Col. (Rev.) A. W. Wood, of Winnipeg, brought to the Grain Growers of Manitoba at their session this evening.

Prefacing the above remarks, he said: "I speak as a man from the trenches and as from the men in the trenches, and I ask what part is the enemy, the alien enemy, going to play in our reconstruction schemes in Canada? If we are to have co-operation between every bit of national machinery, we must ask if every one in Canada is imbued with the same spirit, if they are prepared to assume all the burdens and responsibilities of citizenship."

Given Great Ovation.

Col. Wood came to take the place of R. B. Maxwell, president of the G.W.V.A., who was to have spoken on the subject of the returned soldiers. Col. Wood received one of the greatest ovations ever accorded a speaker on a Brandon platform.

He spoke as a man to men and women, and every point went home. He said Canadians could not talk too much about reconstruction, but to him at the present time reconstruction meant one thing and that was the returned soldier. He had lived with him and watched him for four years and he had always come up smiling. He had seen him at the first and second battles of Ypres, on the Somme, on Vimy Ridge, at Passchendaele. Who were these men who had endured so much. He had heard a German officer in Winnipeg, the year before the war say the colonies were nothing; they were contemptible, yet who were these men who at all points had held back the very flower of the German army. They were not soldiers; they were citizens. He would thank God that he had belonged to that first contingent of the Little Black Devils. He doubted if in that battalion there was an officer who had been a soldier by profession with the exception of Colonel Lipsett, yet these were the men, when the Turks broke before the first use of that hellish device of gas and had left the way open had closed up the gap. When the orders had come for a general retirement and Colonel Lipsett had called his officers on the phone and asked how long they would stand, had answered, "Give us ammunition and we will stand till Hell freezes over."

Worthy of the Best

Then bending toward his audience, Col. Wood said: "For men like that don't you want to build well?" He paid a great tribute to the farmers and said had it not been for the farms of western Canada they would have had a hard time in France, as it was they had never been short of rations, they had always had bread made from Canadian flour, and it was good bread.

What was the farmers part on reconstruction? If the farmers would only unite, not a part of the farmers, but all of them throughout Canada would unite on a policy affecting the future of Canada, that policy will be carried out. If the farmers only realized their strength and used it in a righteous cause they would be irresistible.

Touching on the coalition government, Col. Wood said: "The eleventh hour struck and Canada found her soul when she found coalition government. The future of Canada is in the hands of her citizens, you have the power of the ballot and to you is entrusted the destiny of Can-

ada. We want the best leaders and you cannot get the best if you stick to party politics. We have fought the war in Europe and now we have to fight the war at home at close range and we do not want any fire-brands from other countries to come telling us what to do."

Col. Wood paid a high tribute to the women for their work and sacrifice in the war and urged them to use their power of the ballot well and wisely.

Future Immigration Policy

"We can solve the problem of the population we have now, but what shall be our policy of immigration for the future?" was the the keynote of a very powerful address by Dr. Thornton, Manitoba's minister of education. In this connection he said: "Can anyone estimate the price with which we have purchased our Canadian citizenship and shall we bargain with people over this precious thing and grant them freedom from military service and the like for the asking?"

Speaking of the percentage of Non-English speaking citizens Dr. Thornton said:—"I wonder if the people of Manitoba realize that of our population 58 per cent. are English speaking and 42 per cent. are of 38 different nationalities, or do they realize that the average over the western provinces is 52½ per cent. English speaking and the other 47½ per cent. other nationalities. This problem is not confined to the west, in Toronto during the registration in June last it had been necessary to employ interpreters in 35 languages. What was the remedy?—One school and one language. (Applause).

Work of the Schools.

Dr. Thornton then gave some most interesting data about what was being accomplished in the schools that had been planted in the foreign districts. He gave instance after instance of the most surprising results being obtained in these schools. He paid a high tribute to the teachers of the entire province for their work during the flu epidemic and especially to the work of the teachers in these foreign districts and the use they had made of their little teachers' houses in caring for the sick. In speaking of the work of the teachers he remarked that it was often regretted that there were no more men teachers and said "let the record of the men overseas, who had been so largely taught by women teachers be the answer as to the ability of women teachers to impart the right spirit to their pupils."

Dr. Thornton also touched on the value of the work of the I.O.D.E. chapters in supplying libraries for foreign schools, they had already contributed 150 libraries of a value of \$10.00 each.

Dr. Thornton did not once use the word "foreign" until at the close of his address when he expressed his distaste for it, saying that "so long as we spoke of people as 'foreigners' we thought of them as foreigners."

Important Work for Women.

"I do not think there is any one thing that bears more directly upon the women than does the protective tariff." This was the opinion expressed by Miss Mary P. McCallum, who was the first speaker of the evening. Her subject was: "Women's work in the farmers' movement."

Miss McCallum's line of argument was that the tariff, the land problem and all the other questions which are concerning the men of the organization are of equal importance to the women. She claimed that there was not a paragraph on the farmers' platform that does not touch the life of the farm women as closely as it does the men. She emphasized the importance of the organization of the Dominion council of farm women which had been consummated today, saying that now every woman who is a member of the remotest and smallest local may feel that she is now a part of an organization that finds the women of Canada from sea to sea.

"There was a call for men to defend the homeland, now there is a fresh call to women to defend the home in the homeland," was the text taken by Miss M. Kelso, dean of the M.A.C., in speaking to the convention on: "Women's share in reconstruction."