

# LIVELY DEBATE AT G.W.V.A. PARLIAMENT

Restriction of immigration was approved by the G.W.V.A. Parliament last night when a bill to this effect was introduced by Comrade Don Tuck, acting as Prime Minister for the occasion, and opposed by Comrade P. E. Neumann acting as Leader of the Opposition.

The Opposition based its argument not against restriction but against several clauses in the bill, notably one permitting the immigration of persons without funds, provided they had positions promised to them; assisted passage for approved immigrants, and the total exclusion of enemy aliens for ten years after the signing of peace, which clause the Opposition demanded be increased to thirty years after the signing of peace.

Comrade Tuck after an eloquent introductory speech, agreed to amend the bill to include an educational test in the English language and to the exclusion of enemy aliens for thirty years. He rejected the other amendments and on his points being carried the Opposition waived division and the bill passed unanimously.

The Mennonite and Hutterite scandals were broached by both and the meeting left no doubt of its conviction that the action of the Government in not stopping the Hutterite invasion and appropriation of lands suitable for soldier settlement was creating a condition of peril in the West.

Speeches were delivered by Comrades R. Denning, Firth, Independent; R. Smith, Labor Socialist; Major MacPherson, Rigby, Independent, and several others.

On a vote being taken as to the continuance of the Parliament during the summer months a motion to the effect that one monthly meeting be held was passed.

The attendance in the galleries was the best the veterans have had at any of their debates, several ladies being present. Added interest was given to the proceedings by the presence of Comrades David Loughnan, editor of the Veteran, who represented Skagway, and Dominion Secretary C. G. MacNeill, who represented Assiniboine.