

LOCAL MEMBER DEALS WITH BONUS ISSUE AT VETERANS' MEETING; ASKED TO ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS

Local G. W. V. A. However Passes Motion to Still Press For Cash Bonus

(Contributed.)

A large meeting of veterans was held in the club rooms of the G. W. V. A. on Sunday afternoon when Mr. W. A. Buchanan, M.P., addressed the meeting on the report of the parliamentary committee on the re-establishment bonus.

There were present at the meeting 250 members.

He gave a very interesting speech during his forty-five minute talk after which he answered some thirty questions dealing with the re-establishment bonus. He went into the matter of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific railway scheme, also into the question of the appropriation for foreign credit of \$125,000,000.

In his remarks he wanted the members to understand that he was not speaking to them for popularity nor did he want to excuse himself in the stand that he had taken in Ottawa on the question. Some of the most important questions that were asked of him were:

1. What was the government thinking of when they granted a high cost of living bonus to alien enemies in this country while we returned men were existing on bully beef and biscuits?

To which he replied that as it was a necessity for the country to have coal, they in Ottawa could not see their way clear to do this without granting a high cost of living bonus to the men employed in and around the mines. Further he was not in sympathy with paying alien enemies anything at all.

2. Seeing that the Grand Trunk Railway has been running at a loss for years past and continually receiving grants from the government, I would like to see how the Grand Trunk Railway is going to reduce the liabilities of the other railways.

His reply was that the Grand Trunk Railway had been actually making in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000 per year and to his mind would help in some way to reduce the liabilities of the other government railways. The road the government had been keeping was the Grand Trunk Pacific.

3. Was the failure of the government to grant a further gratuity due to:

(a) The belief that returned soldiers were not entitled to same? or

(b) The belief that while soldiers were entitled to same, the country could not afford it?

In answer to (a) of this question he was of the opinion that the government were in sympathy with the returned soldiers and would gladly help them in any way possible.

In answer to (b) they in Ottawa, after hearing the report of the committee, were firmly convinced that the

country could not afford a further bonus.

4. "Isn't it a fact that a Soldiers' Housing Loan is working in Canada, and how is it that we soldiers in Alberta cannot take advantage of it? The gratuity up to the present time has all gone, first payment for a house, at high interest for the balance, leaving nothing for furniture, etc. Do you consider me re-established?"

Mr. Buchanan in reply to this said that the Dominion government had enabled the provincial governments to institute a housing scheme in each of the provinces, but unfortunately Alberta had not up until a week ago taken advantage of this scheme. He wanted it to be clearly understood, however, that this was not a soldiers' scheme alone as anyone could participate if they so wished. He was of the opinion that when Mr. Calder had spoken of the doors still being open that something along these lines submitted to Ottawa would be received favorably.

5. Will you kindly explain as to what will be done with the over-subscription of the Victory Loan 1919?

In reply to this he stated that although the government had only asked for \$300,000,000 loan, the minister of finance was of the opinion that \$500,000,000 would be subscribed.

This, however, would not cover the capital expenditures provided in the estimate, which were in the neighborhood of \$900,000,000.

6. (a) Don't you think that the government left itself open to criticism when it granted a bonus to civil servants?

To which he replied that in his opinion the civil servants were the worst paid men in existence. Only two or three days ago he was waited on by a committee of civil servants for the purpose of going into the question of this class of men.

(b) Weren't the dependents of a soldier (who was in the employment of the government) as much entitled to a bonus as the civil servants who stayed at home?

He referred to his previous remarks regarding the salary of civil servants and he stated that he believed that the separation allowance of dependents had been increased, also that the Patriotic Fund had increased their allowance, but that he would not say the dependents had had sufficient to maintain themselves.

7. How does the present government propose to give the manufacturers a credit of \$125,000,000 for the purpose of getting foreign trade? Is the manufacturer not in a position to do this himself, and don't you think that he has made enough money during the war?

Mr. Buchanan pointed out that at the signing of the armistice there were a large number of men employed in Canada in the manufacture of munitions of war, war materials, etc. These people might have been thrown out of employment. Work had to be provided for them, also for the soldiers who were returning to Canada. In order to keep the factories going it was necessary to provide them with business and in order to get this business credits had to be granted to the different countries. He pointed out that it was a question of the nation dealing with other nations, and no doubt this money would be returned to the treasury of Canada.

8. In the issue of the 19th of November of the Lethbridge Herald the government granted 75,000 square miles of land for grazing purposes at 3/4c per acre per year, but they don't say anything about paying for the thousands of head of caribou that this company will seize.

A very heated discussion followed in which one of the comrades stated that the speaker was peddling political trash.

While the officials of the Great War Veterans' Association felt that Mr. Buchanan had covered the matter in a very able and fair manner, they are still of the opinion that the returned man was entitled to a cash bonus and that ways and means could be devised whereby this could be paid. After Mr. Buchanan had spoken and there had been considerable discussion on the subject, the resolution was passed almost unanimously at the meeting advising a system of cash bonus payments, and a committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to be presented at the provincial convention at Edmonton.

Mr. Buchanan was given a hearty vote of thanks for his address.

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