

Government Should Conscript Wealth As Well as Blood

Col. De Salaberry Makes Stirring Address Before G. W. V. A. in Support of Gratuity—Believes Profiteers Should be Made to Disgorge—Original Gratuity Scheme Strongly Supported

Officers Are Nominated

Col. C. E. Doherty and Capt. C. W. Whittaker in Line for Second Vice-Presidency—C. Edgett to Represent Province on Dominion Executive—Five in Running for Presidency

MONTREAL, March 25.—The federal government is asked to debar enemy aliens of entry into Canada for 15 years in a resolution passed at the convention of the Great War Veterans' Association this morning.

The resolution occurs in the report of the immigration, naturalization and deportation committee, which was adopted after the time limit recommended had been changed. As originally presented, enemy aliens were to be debarred for five years.

MONTREAL, March 25.—In a stirring address before the Great War Veterans' Association convention here yesterday afternoon, Colonel De Salaberry, of Ottawa, called on the government to find the money to pay the gratuity now sought by the returned soldiers. He contended that as the government did not hesitate to conscript the blood of the Dominion in the war, it should not now hesitate to conscript some of the wealth. He was of the opinion that profiteers who had made huge profits out of the war, should be made to bear the burden of the expense.

Col. De Salaberry was speaking on the subject of re-establishment, which occupied the attention of the convention all day. Delegates from the west, with the exception of Saskatchewan, wanted the Alberta resolution passed, but Ontario and the eastern provinces strongly urged the adoption of the original Great War Veterans' scheme as submitted to the parliamentary committee last October. It was finally decided to refer the resolution back to the committee for further consideration. It will be presented again today.

Matter of Simple Justice.

Opening his address, Col. De Salaberry said he approved of the principle of the gratuity as just and fair. Moreover, he contended the scheme was a practical one for the government to consider, if only the proper means of securing revenue by taxation were employed. He believed that the soldiers' case should be put before the public as strongly as possible as a matter of simple justice.

W. Drinnan, Vancouver, replying to Col. De Salaberry, said he felt sure that the delegates would not leave Montreal divided on any question that had come up. He would strongly endorse the original Great War Veterans' Association plan as one that would have universal approval on the part of returned men. He contended that the Dominion should be backed up in its work as in the past.

All Want a Square Deal

There had been accusations to the effect that he had "surrendered under fire" at Ottawa when the association's plan of re-establishment came up in the House, said Major G. W. Andrews, M. P., who followed Mr. Drinnan. That was not so, he declared. He reviewed some of his work on behalf of the soldiers' scheme when it came up and concluded by making a plea to the convention to obtain public sympathy and support. "Establish your need," he said. He did not think there was any difference between any of the returned soldiers, whether the "Flynn men" or the Great War Veterans' Association, when it came down to the question of re-establishment, but that they all wanted a square deal.

More arguments like that set forth by J. H. Rawlinson, the blind delegate, would do more to obtain public support than all the conventions that had ever been held.

The delegates again discussed the bonus question, which has come up in the re-establishment recommendations. Yesterday the convention had a main motion and two amendments before it. A committee appointed to try to secure a compromise resolution between the Calgary and Vancouver bonus plans reported this morning. It recommended a cash bonus for 100 **per cent. of the forces on the basis**

of \$1 a day for men who served at the front, and reaffirmed the stand taken at Vancouver last year.

To Investigate The Veteran

The matter of The Veteran magazine investigation came up again, and the following delegates were appointed a commission to deal with the whole enterprise and submit a report of findings at as early a date as possible: D. McDougall, barrister, Montreal; E. A. Paige, Vancouver, editor of the B. C. Veterans' Weekly, and J. H. Stitt, statistician, Ottawa.

Today is expected to be the busiest one of the convention. The re-establishment question will be up again.

The prolonging of the re-establishment debate, which took up practically the whole of the day, sidetracked the motion for adjournment of the convention to Ottawa.

Nominations for Officers

Nominations for offices of president of the association for the year following the close of the present convention were put in. These were: Dr. A. McKenzie Forbes, Montreal; C. F. Scott, Quebec; R. B. Maxwell, Manitoba; M. A. Davidson, Ontario, and G. E. Jenkins, Ontario.

Nominations for first vice-president were S. S. Statford, Ontario; W. A. Irwin, Alberta, and Capt. L. Platt, Montreal.

Nominations for second vice-president were: W. D. Tait, Nova Scotia; C. E. Doherty, British Columbia; J. M. Russell, Alberta; T. C. Daze, Alberta; A. M. Peart, Ontario, and C. W. Whittaker, British Columbia.

Dominion executive nominations: C. Edgett, British Columbia; T. C. Dyse, Alberta; A. C. Mills, Saskatchewan; L. Ward, Manitoba; C. E. Jenkins, Ontario; C. W. Whitman, Nova Scotia; H. S. McLeod, New Brunswick, and Cyprus MacMillan, Prince Edward Island.

Quebec has not yet named its candidate, its choice being Dr. Forbes, who is already nominated as candidate for the presidency.