

Demands of Veterans On Government and the City

*Closing Up of Businesses Conducted by Foreigners—Apologies
From Police and Newspapers Among Conditions.*

The resolutions as proposed and passed without a dissenting voice, amidst rounds of cheers, read:

To His Worship Mayor Church:

We, the committee appointed by this assembly of returned soldiers of Toronto, gathered at the City Hall August 6th; make the following requests in the interests of fair play and justice to the above named.

1. That all licenses hitherto granted promiscuously to all aliens, unnaturalized or otherwise be from this day cancelled for a period of not less than two years after the war. (Cheers.)

2. That you as Mayor, send to the Dominion Government at Ottawa, the request of this assembly that all aliens be returned to their own country or drafted for service in the C. E. F., and that all enemy aliens be interned for the duration of the war, or put to work on the land, (Cheers.)

3. We request that all the unmarried men of the Toronto police force who participated in the outbreak of Saturday night, be drafted into the C. E. F.

4. That you fully understand, sir, that we request the immediate dismissal of those members of the

police force who showed lack of self control by brutally striking our returned limbless heroes, also the wives of Toronto citizens. (Prolonged demonstration.)

5. We also request from you a public apology, acting as you do in the capacity of Chief Magistrate of the City of Toronto, for the deplorable lack of control shown by the said members of the police force.

6. That immediate steps be taken to repress disloyalty and sedition in Toronto among the foreign elements of the population of this city.

We also request that the authorities exercise stricter supervision in this matter.

7. That the police force be instructed to disarm all aliens, it being a well known fact that the majority are in possession of firearms.

Furthermore, we, as returned men, offer our services freely in this direction, if the police cannot cope with it.

8. Finally we wish to state that we are against the wanton destruction of property, but we hold that any further destruction that might take place, to be the lack of action on the part of the Provincial and Federal Governments.