

# COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON WAR

## Mayor Deacon and Aldermen Crowe and Skaletar Express the Common Sentiment of Citizens.

At last night's council meeting, Mayor Deacon moved and Controller Cockburn seconded the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by a standing vote of all present, and with the singing of "God Save the King." It will be forwarded by telegraph today to Sir Robert Borden, premier, at Ottawa.

"That, whereas the British Empire has been reluctantly forced into war in defence of her most sacred treaty obligations, thereby involving the Dominion of Canada and the Canadian people,

and, whereas the empire is now at war neither for glory or conquest, but solely for liberty and the rights of humanity, to the end that all may enjoy the fruits of industry and prosperity,

"And, whereas this country is an integral portion of the British Empire and our rights and liberties as well as our trade and commerce have always been protected on sea and land throughout the world by the British forces,

"And, whereas we are bound by the closest ties of blood and tradition to the people of the mother country;

### Will Support Expenditures

"Therefore, be it resolved, on behalf of the people of the city of Winnipeg that there be now offered to the government of Canada in parliament assembled, their loyal support, in all measures involving the honor of the Dominion and the sending of material assistance to uphold the empire in the present crisis;

"Resolved further, that our people be asked to cheerfully make such sacrifices as may be necessary in order to terminate this unjust war and restore to the world the blessings of peace which are the common rights of humanity."

### Mayor Deacon Speaks

Speaking to the motion, Mayor Deacon said:

"It has been suggested to me that such a motion should very properly emanate from the city council at the present time. We are all familiar with the distressing conditions which have been forced upon this empire and the necessity that the integrity of the cause which Great Britain is upholding should be sustained.

"At the present time there is consid-

erable enthusiasm being displayed by the citizens of this country, and they are showing their spirit of loyalty, but if this war continues for some time there will be a severe strain—a long, hard pull—but after the first effervescence of enthusiasm has gone the nation will require substantial assistance.

#### **Not in Spirit of Hurrah**

"I think it right and proper that we as representing the third city of this Dominion, ought to let it be known that we are not acting in a spirit of hurrah, but with calm and resolute determination and after deliberation placed ourselves and our city on record as being determined to, if necessary, endure hardship and to sustain the empire in that long, hard trial which may result from the prolongation of this horrible and unjust war. It can only be criticized as the greatest crime against humanity that has ever been perpetrated since the planet was inhabited by the human race, and which may result in the final extermination of the war spirit among the nations.

"It is a matter of great importance to the people who are charged with the responsibility of conducting affairs in the mother country to know that they have the broad loyal support of the inhabitants of the various parts of the empire. We are demonstrating that we are not approaching the subject in any jingo spirit, but with the deep enthusiasm of a thoughtful people."

#### **Alderman Crowe**

Alderman Crowe: "I should like to congratulate the mayor on the broad and dignified manner in which he has spoken to the resolution introduced. This is a time for deep and careful thought, and I would not for a moment attempt to minimize the seriousness of the position in which this country is just now. It is impossible for any man living to forecast just what the end of this struggle will be, but whatever the end be this country is in a position when it is called upon, not only to endure hardship, but to make sacrifices of both life and money. In fact, sacrifices have already been made and are being made today by people who are anxious for those now at the front and for those who may be called upon very soon to go to the front. It is only right that the city council should go on record with an expression of fealty and loyalty, and that it should go on record that a long, drawn-out struggle will make no difference to the citizens of Winnipeg, who will be ready to endure further hardships and further sacrifices."

#### **Alderman Skaletar**

Alderman Skaletar: "It is indeed gratifying to the city council that the citizens have displayed their loyalty to the British flag in such a manner, considering that this is a cosmopolitan city embracing people representing many nations. They have shown their loyalty and readiness to support the British flag, heart and soul and with their very lives. Therefore, I think it would be in order for us to pass this resolution and that everyone should rise to support it."