

ALIENS PROTECTED BY FORGED PAPER

Statement at G.W.V.A. Meeting That Their Name Was Being Improperly Used

There was an animated half-hour at the fortnightly meeting of the Great War Veterans last night, which developed on it being reported that the name of the association was being forged to protect aliens in the city and to certify to their loyalty in seeking employment. It was said that a card was in circulation among aliens, purporting to be issued under the authority of the G.W.V.A., certifying that the holder was endorsed as a loyal citizen and was worthy of employment. This gave rise to a vigorous discussion, in which the arrogance of the enemy alien was severely condemned, and a resolution was unanimously endorsed to investigate the matter, and on locating the party guilty of issuing the cards to institute proceedings against all concerned.

A. E. Morse was in the chair, and F. A. Cooper, acting as secretary, reported that 254 new members had been enrolled. The question of applying for a new charter was laid over for a future meeting.

A resolution, appealing to the Dominion authorities for an increased allowance for clothing, was introduced and adopted, and it was pointed out that many of the discharged men had to continue in khaki because the amount paid them was inadequate to furnish them with a respectable civilian outfit.

Notices of motion were given for consideration at the next meeting, that the property of enemy aliens be confiscated, and that all profiteers be prosecuted and punished, after trial and being found guilty.

In a discussion that ensued there was a general expression of opinion that the \$25,000,000 set aside by the Dominion government, to promote a Dominion-wide housing scheme, was inadequate, and that a much larger amount should be provided for the erection of three to five-roomed houses. On motion it was resolved to co-operate with the Army and Navy Veterans and urge on the Dominion government to provide a much larger sum.

Announcement was made that a branch of the Great War Veterans had been instituted for the district of Brooklands and Weston, with J. Bennett as president, A. J. Searle as vice-president, and G. Bowman as secretary. The organization was completed last Friday night, by T. B. Meara and Sergt. Northwood as the instituting officers.