

MEMBERSHIP OF G.W.V.A. HERE IS NOW ABOUT SIX HUNDRED

Major Wilson Presented Club With Fine Naval Ensign Last Night

At a regular meeting of the local branch of the great War Veterans Association last evening 18 new members were enrolled, which brings the total active membership up to about the 600 mark.

A somewhat lengthy discussion took place on the proposed war memorial for the city, and the opinion seemed to prevail that the Veterans should not take the initiative in the matter. A committee was appointed a week ago to see what steps were being taken in the city towards the erection of a suitable memorial, and this committee will make its report at the next meeting.

Major P. B. Wilson, of the 51st. Regiment, chairman of the Sault branch of the Navy League, attended the meeting and presented the Veterans with a handsome naval ensign. In a short address Major Wilson stated that though circumstances did not permit him to take an active interest in the work of the G.W.V.A. his best wishes and sympathies were with the Association and, particularly, the Sault branch. Major Adams made a suitable reply and a vote of thanks was tendered Major Wilson for the handsome gift.

Comrade W. Walker made a satisfactory verbal report on the purchase of a new billiard table for the G.W.V.A. quarters which will be shipped on Aug. 26.

The question of turning out in uniform upon the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales was taken up, and it was decided to leave the matter optional. A committee representing each of the units which left the Sault during the war was appointed to get in touch with the members of the several battalions, etc., resident here, in an endeavor to ascertain how many of the men could be mustered during the Royal visit. This committee will make a report at a special meeting to be held on Aug. 29.

A vote was tendered the Salvation Army for the supper and entertainment provided the returned men on August 14.

The increasing of the membership of the local branch of the association was discussed, and was left in the hands of the executive to go into details and take action.

A special investigation committee of five members will be appointed by the executive at its next meeting, out of the working and industrial ranks, for the purpose of dealing with all reported grievances in the way of employment. This committee will handle all reported cases and give them consideration, and if the circumstances warrant it they will be brought before a general meeting. The names of those comprising this committee will be posted as soon as they are appointed and all men having grievances are requested to state their case to them.

It is proposed to issue a pamphlet in the near future dealing with the work of the G.W.V.A., past, present and future.