

THINK EMPIRE'S FOES SHOULD BE "FIRED"

Citizens' Recruiting League
Urges Government Action

THE PREMIER'S ATTITUDE

Dr. Norman Allen, Chairman, Says
Sir Robert Borden Thinks the
Fewer Chances Taken With Alien
Enemies the Better.

"I have it from high authority—
Sir Robert L. Borden—that the fewer
chances we take with **aliens** the bet-
ter for the people," declared Dr. Nor-
man Allen yesterday at a meeting of
the Citizens' Recruiting League in
supporting a resolution passed re-
questing the Dominion and Provincial
Governments to dispense with the
services of **alien enemy** servants, upon
the ground that the employing of for-
eigners in high public offices is a
dangerous practice.

The resolution was strongly oppo-
sed by the Hon. Thomas Crawford and
Dr. John Hunter.

"The Dominion Government is
wide awake to the necessities of tak-
ing every precaution in such cases,"
emphasized Hon. Mr. Crawford. "I
think the Citizens' Recruiting League
is going to extremes in dealing with
matters of this kind. This League
has enough to do—and it is possible
to do some things better than in the
past—without telling the Government
what to do."

No Aliens on City Payroll.

Replying to a remark that there
are **aliens** on the civic payroll, Mayor
Church declared that he was not
aware of it, and that if such a condi-
tion existed it would soon be rectified.

"The public know the dangers of
aliens being permitted to remain in
the Government service during the
war," exclaimed Dr. Allen. Prom-
inent Germans who occupied
important positions in the Gov-
ernment service in Britain at the out-
break of the war voluntarily resigned
for the very reason that they did not
want to be placed in the position of
making the people of the country be-
lieve that they would be guilty of
wrong-doing."

Time Government Woke Up.

"It is time that the Dominion Gov-
ernment awakened to the seriousness
of the situation," said Mr. George H.
Allen, the mover of the resolution.

"We have been warned by American
publications of what is liable to hap-
pen, but without apparent effect upon
those in a position to demand the
resignations of **aliens** in the Govern-
ment service. The retaining of these
aliens has been a detriment to re-
cruiting. It is a suicidal policy for
the Government to continue to do
what they have along these lines."

"If this meeting endorses the reso-
lution, it is a vote of censure upon the
Government," interjected Dr. John
Hunter, who added that while he and
the Hon. Thomas Crawford differed
in politics, he was obliged to support
his argument in this particular case.

"The Government is in a position to
know the calibre of the **aliens** in
public offices. They must have the
best reasons for retaining the ser-
vices of these men."

A resolution introduced by Mr.
Oliver Hezlewood, urging the adop-
tion of the conscription or registra-
tion measures in Canada, with a view
to stimulating recruiting, was referred
to the Executive Committee for furth-
er consideration.

Conscription Discussed.

Colonel Brown declared that the
militia act covered conscription. He
considered it a waste of time for the
League to discuss the matter.

One of the members stated that he
had been given to understand that
German-Americans, Austrians and
Turks were employed in certain mu-
nition factories in the city. He added
that similar conditions existed in
some of the packing concerns holding

Government contracts for the supply
of food for soldiers.

Would Censure Government.

"If that is the case the Government
should be censured for handing con-
tracts to firms employing **aliens** in
munition factories," urged Mr. T. A.
Stevenson.

"The Toronto District Trades and
Labor Council has voted against con-
scription."

Opposes Conscription.

"We are outstepping our duties if
we endorse conscription," put in Dr.
John Hunter. "If we want to break
up this League this would be a good
method. The feeling of the English
people is against conscription."

Shun the Sportsmen.

"If you attempt to connect this
League with the Sportsmen's Associ-
ation it will be a polite way of in-
forming the public that its usefulness
is ended," declared Hon. Thomas
Crawford, in opposing the recom-
mendation of a Tag Day being held
under the joint auspices of these
organizations. It was stated by the
Executive that the matter is before
the Police Commissioners, who de-
ferred granting permission for a Tag
Day, pending the submission by the
Citizens' Recruiting League of a
statement of its finances.

Disposition of Funds.

"There is some fault to be found
with the detailed statement of the
disposition of the funds of the
League," added Hon. Mr. Crawford.

"The Police Commissioners want
more definite information, and they
are entitled to it. In the face of cer-
tain statements made as to the dis-
position of the fund, I claim it is a
reflection upon the men who have
charge of the funds."

Grants to Battalions.

The following battalions were
given \$500 each for recruiting pur-
poses: 198th, Lieut.-Col. John A.
Cooper; 201st, Lieut.-Col. Hagarty,
and the 97th (American Legion).

Balance of \$2,700.

Mr. A. E. Dymont, the Honorary
Treasurer of the League, reported a
balance on hand of \$2,700. The
Ways and Means Committee reported
that it had a balance of \$97 on
hand from the Recruiting League
concert, after having contributed
\$100 to each of the bands that took
part.

The revised constitution as pre-
sented by the Executive Committee was
endorsed in its entirety.