

ALIEN LABOR LAWS TO BE VETERANS' 1918 AIM

Major Simpson, Pres. of Riverdale G.W.V.A., Calls for United and Useful Effort.

"This year is going to be the most important year in the history of the association."—President-elect Sampson, at last night's Riverdale G. W. V. A. meeting.

"The urgency of alien labor legislation was never greater than at the present time."—R. C. Cockburn, at last night's meeting, Riverdale G. W. V. A.

Company "A" of the G. W. V. A. has been re-christened by the name of Riverdale Great War Veterans. This took place at the regular meeting last night held in Dion Hall, Rhodes avenue, but not before comrades of every individual section had put up an argument in favor of having his particular locality represented in the new name selected.

The annual election of officers yielded spirited, but good-natured contests for every office. By a majority of two votes Major G. A. Sampson was elected over Major Ross C. Cockburn as president of the association. Major Cockburn was then elected as vice-president. H. W. Parsons and G. Walker was elected as representatives to the Central Executive. The contest for membership on the Branch Executive was made on acclamation after the following four names had been proposed: Messrs. A. Jennings, T. A. Patterson, R. J. Roberts, and W. E. Surtees. The most unanimous and enthusiastic selection was the re-election of Frederick Moss as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

After some discussion, it was decided that names of competent auditors should be recommended by the general committee at the next meeting of the association.

At the conclusion of the election of officers, President Sampson addressed the meeting and emphasized the need for further and more effective organization.

"This year is going to be the most important year in the history of the Great War Veterans," said Comrade Sampson "and it rests with each individual member just how much progress may be registered at the end of the year."

"We must make ourselves of more service to our comrades at the front and their families at home in an even

greater degree than we have yet done—if that it at all possible.”

“We must get away from the personal, corping criticism in our regular meetings—and the new Riverdale branch is no exception—and get down to definite Parliamentary procedure.”

“That is: each speaker must speak to the motion or amendment under discussion and stick to that one subject.”

“After all is said and done,” continued Comrade Sampson, “there has been a surfeit of discussion at most of our meetings and not enough cohesion of purpose.

“It is absolutely essential that more than at any time since we came back to Canada that we get together to push the new county scheme of Provincial organization. For it rests with us whether the scheme will be the success it ought to.”

In closing his address, Comrade Sampson promised to do all he could to make the Riverdale G. W. V. A. a strong and harmonious organization. He had not intended taking any active part in association work this year, feeling that probably other men would be chosen. However, he had realized that the new intergral system of county organization was something which was of utmost importance and he was glad to see his way clear to accept office at this stage in the association's development.

Previous to the election of officers a keen discussion took place on the question of alien labor in Canada.

After a strenuous debate by Messrs.

R. McKenzie, H. W. Parsons, R. Dennis, R. C. Cockburn and A. E. Marshall.

Comrade Cockburn claimed that the urgency of special legislation respecting alien labor was never greater than at the present time. It was a question which should be acted upon as quickly as possible,

After some more discussion, the following resolution was passed:

"That the Canadian Government adopt legislation following the policy of that of the U. S. A. for dealing with the aliens of allied and enemy nations."