

WOMAN TRUSTEE DEFENDS BOARD

Central Ratepayers' Criticism Repudiated by Miss Con- stance Boulton

WOULD CONSCRIPT ALIENS

Association Endorses Program of G.W.V.A. in Forcing Aliens Into National Work.

Miss Constance Boulton, one of the new members of the Board of Education, has the courage of her convictions, and warmly defended the board against critics at last night's meeting of the Central Ratepayers' Association, which she attended as a member of the Local Council of Women.

"Consider carefully, and go slowly with your sweeping criticisms," she advised. "The people of Toronto are responsible for the people they elect on the Board of Education. I am convinced there are a few members on the board who are trying to do the best they can against gigantic difficulties."

The criticism arose when a resolution from the Home and School League pointing out the need of additional truant officers, and asking that some of these be women, and that the Board of Education have the appointments, was being considered. Mr. Geo. Shields objected to the board getting any more power, and thought that some ought to be taken away from it.

Attacks Council's Efforts.

"The most scandalous thing I ever heard, wanting to put the education of the children under the City Council," continued Miss Boulton. "I maintain that the Mayor is pulling the wool over the eyes of the people when he is saying that the Board of Education is responsible for the high rate of taxation."

Miss Boulton declared that it was the last thing the people dared to do, to put the education of the children under the men at the City Hall, who, she said, were elected by politicians. There could be no economizing in the education of the children, she said, as they would have to take the places of the flower of the country, who were being killed in Flanders. She also pointed out that if they wanted to keep the best type of teachers they had to pay adequate salaries.

Endorsing G.W.V.A. Policy.

Endorsement of the action of the Great War Veterans' Association in their desire to conscript alien enemies for national work, was given by the Ratepayers' Association, following an address by Sergt. W. T. Turley, Provincial Secretary of the association. The resolution endorsed was the one passed by the Hamilton branch of the association, and which would bring all alien enemies under the Military Service Act, or have them deported to their own countries, put all alien enemies at work of national importance, and turn over to the Government all wages over a military pay, and, failing this, to intern them.

Sergt. Turley stated that they did not propose to solve the alien problem by raiding the factories or shooting all who could not speak the English tongue. He did not think there was anything extremely radical about the proposals which the Hamilton branch will submit to the Government, and he told the association that he did not think they would be going out of their province to back up the proposals.

That all the profiteers were not to be found in the packing houses was a statement of Sergt. Turley, who pointed out that a lot of fortunes had been made in poolrooms and peanut shops. He also mentioned that every foreigner found dead had a small fortune in his belt.

Aims of the Veterans.

"The citizens of Toronto and the people of Canada have nothing to fear from the G.W.V.A., despite opinions to the contrary," said Sergt. Turley. In a review of the formation and accomplishments of the association, he said, they now had 37,000 members and 150 branches, 58 of which were in Ontario. The association, he claimed, was absolutely independent of any political party. Touching on the land settlement question, he stated they had been notified there would be no land available for one year, it being largely held by railway corporations.

The returned men, he said, were going to assist in food production this year and in years to come. The men who go out on the farms this summer will be given preference in the allotment of land under the settlement scheme.

In dealing with the alien question, he remarked, "Surely all the courage and intellect of the Canadians is not over there in Flanders; we have tackled bigger entanglements than this." He also expressed the opinion that the Labor men were being misled in this matter.

Five representatives from the Local Council of Women and five from the Home and School League will be invited to attend the Council of the association.

Mr. Geo. R. Ellis brought in a resolution asking for a more modern system of doing business at the City Hall. He placed the responsibility for the state of affairs now existing there on the old members of the Council.