

ASK OFFICIALS TO BE PRESENT

Dominion G.W.V.A. Invites Government Men to At- tend Meeting

ALIEN ENEMY COMMITTEE

Delegates the Guests of the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House

Representatives from the Departments of the Federal Government which take care of the interests of the soldier, returned and overseas, and his dependents will likely attend to-day's session of the Dominion Great War Veterans' Convention. Messages were sent when the convention opened requesting them to do so.

The Western delegates to the convention are not all satisfied with the Government's land settlement scheme, and they intend to ask for a more progressive policy in this department. A demand for an equality in pensions will come from all quarters. Other matters pertaining to the returned soldier and his dependents will furnish the topics of lively debates to-day.

Anticipating the spirit of the convention, Col. Purney when he opened the session last night asked to decide upon some procedure while the Government representatives were in the hall. It was finally agreed to allow each fifteen minutes and to ask them to remain to listen to the discussion which would follow.

An Enemy Alien Committee.

Many resolutions have been placed before the Committee upon Resolutions. Twenty of them dealing with the alien question were sent back last night to the convention. Upon the suggestion of Colonel Pidgeon and Captain Jenkins, they were placed before an Enemy Alien Committee which was selected for the purpose.

"If we were to discuss the merits of each resolution upon this subject we would be here until Christmas," said the President, who asked the committee to draft a concrete resolution for the convention.

The convention acceded to the request of Vice-President James Robinson of Vancouver that it hear Mr. A. A. De Turenne of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Turenne, with six other members of the G.W.V.A. who had gone to the United States with the assistance of the Vancouver branch, formed a branch in Seattle. He pointed out that there was necessity for branches of the G.W.V.A. in the United States to take care of the interests of the returned soldier who sought to improve his condition by leaving Canada. There were Canadian societies in cities in the United States, but they could not grant the assistance necessary.

Guest at Government House.

The convention was the guest of the Lieutenant-Governor at luncheon yesterday. The speakers were Sir John Hendrie, Sir William Hearst and Mr. William Proudfoot, M.P.P. The speakers urged the delegates to exercise great care in their deliberations, since the people of Canada were watching the results of the convention. In reply Col. W. P. Purney said that the members of the association were impressed with the seriousness of their task. There would be no unreasonable requests made upon the Government.

"I read the address of your President yesterday, and I found it full of suggestions worthy of serious consideration.

"You represent a great body of men in Canada, and a greater body to return. You must consider them. I don't like to give you advice, but consider everything carefully," said Sir John, who expressed the opinion that Canada had not had time to take care of her soldiers. The pensions of the men in the ranks should be much higher.

Better World After the War.

Sir William Hearst expected great results from the deliberations of the convention. Opportunity spelt responsibility, and great responsibility rested upon the convention. He thought that the world would never be the same after the war. It would be a better world.

"If the war has done nothing else it has helped to break down class prejudices, and surely in the days to come we cannot overlook our fellowmen, but must work to make Canada a greater country and kill the vices that endanger her."

G. W. V. A. Potent Influence.

Mr. Proudfoot pointed out that anyone who understood the trend of affairs in Canada would realize that the G. W. V. A. was going to be a potent influence in the life of the country. The returned soldier was entitled to great consideration from the people of Canada because of the debt to those who died and suffered in the defence of the Empire and humanity.