

GOVT. SUPINE TO LET ALIENS GET BACK VOTE

Further Pandering In Granting Licenses to Foreign Restauranters.

"An insult to the heroic dead." Such was the description applied to the Government's repeal of the War Times Franchise Act at the general meeting of the Central branch, G. W. V. A., held in Columbus Hall last night. The original resolution, formulated by the West Toronto branch, was to the effect that "We, the West Toronto branch of the G. W. V. A. of Canada do solemnly condemn in the most emphatic terms, as a breach of faith with the veterans, the retrograde legislation of the Government-in-Council, in annulling the War Times Franchise Act, thereby pandering to the enemy aliens and their ignorant womenfolk of the disloyal anti-conscriptionist element, and we go on record that if the members of the Council who supported the cancellation of this necessary Act are so dependent upon the votes of these enemies of the Empire, it is high time they resigned office, so that we may elect men of loyal fibre who value their country more than a remunerative office," was heartily endorsed.

A feature of the meeting was the initiation of 102 new members, which is almost a record. These were initiated "en bloc" to allow plenty of time for the speakers from the convention.

Favor Foreign Labor.

During the time devoted to unfinished business a resolution was passed unanimously to the effect that as at the present time many employers are favoring the employment of foreigners, the authorities should be approached to see that employment agencies should give preference to returned soldiers.

Comrade Brockbank was the first of the two returned delegates from Vancouver to speak. He outlined the work of the conference and especially the work of the Toronto delegates. He said that the conference was practical and constructive, aiming to aid the Government in disbanding and re-establishing the returned soldier. It did not represent a political party but worked for the general welfare of the country.

In telling of the discussion of the famous "Calgary Resolution," he stated that enemy Government agencies were there to do all they could to discourage the adoption of this resolution. Later on, when questioned as to who these people were, he explained that they came from Ottawa. He considered it a great triumph for the men who worked for the acceptance of this resolution that it was passed under the name of the "Returned Soldiers Re-establishment Bonus" and that although the mention of any definite sum was omitted, the principle of the question was recognized. He considered it a great honor for the branch that Comrade Wilson had been asked to be a member of the committee.

Cooked the Bacon.

Comrade Dr. Wilson who followed Comrade Brockbank said, "We did exactly as you told us to do and we accomplished more than we expected." Later he said, "We brought back the bacon and it is now ready to be broiled and divided for you." As far as the unrest in the country is concerned, the conference blamed the Government. He reminded the audience that that meant the people of Canada.

An announcement was made that the G. W. V. A. had been allotted the north side of the Parliament Buildings for the assembly for the peace celebrations on Saturday. The members will meet there at 11 o'clock in the morning and massed brass bands will be in attendance.

A letter was read from the Department of Militia asking the cooperation of the society to find out those men who are wearing the war service badge illegally.

An interesting announcement was made by the Club House Committee saying that the new Club House at 41 Isabella street, offered by the Gooderham family, had been taken over at \$1 a year. This would be opened next Tuesday.