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PLAN FOR RECRUITING

ENDORSED AT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRADE

Resolution Passed at Recent Conference Held in Kingston was Approved—Major G. I. Campbell Set Forth Scheme Before the Meeting.

At a joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of Trade, held in the City Council chamber, on Tuesday night, the following clauses of a resolution recently passed in Kingston at a conference of military and civilian citizens representing Military District No. 3 were approved:

"That immediate steps be taken to place the work of recruiting on a thoroughly organized basis, under a staff of competent military and business men, and that the Chief Recruiting Officer of the District be given every facility to accomplish this work.

"That a canvass be made of all males of Military age for the purpose of ascertaining the non-eligible men who shall be provided with a business with registered number, showing the cause of such exemption, and the eligible men who can then be systematically canvassed with a view to enlistment.

"That for the purpose of recruiting, and in the interests of economy and efficiency, the whole Military District be divided into a number of smaller districts, each under a competent staff, who shall be responsible for the recruiting for all branches of the service, and who shall be immediately responsible to the Chief Recruiting Officer and under his direct supervision.

"That for the strong moral and other effects the women be given every facility to organize 'Women's Emergency Corps,' and we recommend that a button be furnished them which will serve as a badge of membership, the general supervision of which shall be under the Chief Recruiting Officer for the District."

Mayor Richardson presided at the meeting, and those present included: Major G. I. Campbell, chief recruiting officer for Military District No. 3; Major Allan Stroud, Francis Kins, (president of the Board of Trade), Ald. Corbett, Ald. Laturney, Ald. Nickle, Elmer Davis, R. A. McLeod, F. G. Lockett, Joseph Power, R. J. Carson, Esq., Mayor R. D. Sutherland, Joseph Mortimer, J. M. Farrell, J. P. Hanley, Ald. R. E. Kent, William Casey, H. W. Snelling and H. Welch.

Major Campbell's Remarks

Major Campbell was called upon, and he reviewed the action taken at the recent conference held in Kingston, relative to recruiting. He spoke of the great need for men, and the steps on foot for an organization to secure more men. He said Military District No. 3 would be subdivided into "battalion recruiting areas," and that Kingston, Frontenac county, and the counties of Lennox and Addington, would form one area. There would be ten areas in this military district, which would eventually mean ten new battalions.

It was the aim to have systematic organization, composed of military and business men, for each area. He wished it understood that he was not advocating conscription, but felt that the next logical step to be taken was that of making a canvass of all the males of military age. He felt that the demands of labor for war munitions and supplies must be recognized, and at the same time provision must be made for employment of all returned soldiers. In the past week, he had three applications for work from returned soldiers. In this regard, he appealed to the business men to help him out in securing positions for these men. He pointed out that at Smith's Falls a plan such as outlined in the resolution, had been adopted. The system proposed was that of recruiting for the various branches of the service. This it was felt, would be in the interests of economy and efficiency.

Major Campbell referred particularly to local recruiting, stating that at the present time, the recruiting officers had a "gateway," on Princess street. A store could not be secured for this purpose. Since July 20th, a dozen men had been enrolled, and the record was one to be proud of. The speaker also pointed out that the announcement of a new battalion to be organized in this city, would be made in the course of a few days.

Making War Munitions

Mr. Casey, who is manager of the Locomotive Works, drew the attention of the meeting to a most important matter in regard to the appeal to be made for recruits, in that there might be a danger of robbing the munition plants of their help. The Locomotive Works had contracts for the supply of shells also Locomotives, and if men who could carry on this work were enrolled for service overseas, the work at the plant would be interfered with. At the present time, the plant had 1,200 men on their pay roll, and could at the present time, place one hundred additional men at work if they could be secured.

Mr. Farrell asked Mr. Casey if the Locomotive Works had taken up the question of securing women to work on munitions.

Mr. Casey said that in Kingston, it was not possible to secure the class of women who could work on war munitions. The women available here could not stand the work. In England, this was possible, as women of more rugged constitution could be secured, also women who were more adapted to this line of work.

Favored Conscription

Mr. Davis was heartily in accord with the resolution as adopted at the recent conference, and moved that it be adopted. He recognized the difficulty the manufacturers were up against, but he felt that the movement was one to get men to enlist who were in a position to go overseas. There were some men who were shirking their duty, and he felt that the step proposed, was one in the right direction.

"I am a supporter of conscription," added the speaker. "There are some men going overseas who should stay at home. This plan is one which

proposes to get men who can go, and not the men who are needed at home."

Ald. Corbett seconded Mr. Davis' motion. He was heartily in favor of the passing of the resolution as presented.

Mr. King and Mr. Farrell were in sympathy with the spirit of the motion, but felt that there should be some reservation made in the canvass of men who were needed in factories, turning out munitions and supplies.

Major Campbell said that in his canvass, he did not want to take men who were needed in factories, working on munitions and war supplies. He realized fully the importance of this work, and had recently held back three men who wanted to enlist, but who stated that their services could not be dispensed with in a factory.

The resolution was finally passed, after some further discussion. Major Campbell afterwards returned thanks to all present, for their support in the matter. He said the military men were grateful for the backing which had been given to the movement put on foot.

Ald. Corbett made the suggestion that a Kiltie's Battalion be formed in Kingston. This might be an inducement for many to join.

Mr. King thanked Major Campbell for having extended an invitation to the Board of Trade, to discuss the question of recruiting, and Mayor Richardson also returned thanks, on behalf of the City Council for the same privilege. His Worship also drew attention to the important part some men were doing at home in the great war. There were many who could not go overseas, and he had no car for the silly talk going the rounds about some men being slackers. Men in munition plants and on farms were needed, and were doing their "bit" just as much as men in the trenches. He agreed that the appeal should be made to the men who could be spared to go to the front.

"There are many men wearing out their hearts for the simple reason that they cannot go to the front," added Mayor Richardson.

Mayor Richardson assured Major Campbell that the gentlemen present would give the military authorities all the assistance possible in their undertaking.

Before the meeting was brought to a close, Major Campbell stated that he would be in need of a business man to assist him in his work, and asked the members present to take the matter up.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL BUSY

IN GREAT DEMAND AFTER ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

During One Twenty-four Hours Over 700 Patients Were Admitted—Lieut.-Col. Etherington Writes Mayor Richardson.

Lieut.-Col. F. Etherington, commanding No. 7 Canadian General Hospital (Queen's) in France, has written an interesting letter to Mayor Richardson, in which he states that after the Allied offensive of July 1st the hospital has a busy time. During one twenty-four hours over 700 patients were admitted, and during the week nearly 200 operations were performed under general anaesthesia.

"On one day," writes Col. Etherington, "we operated on forty-seven cases, and many of these had more than one wound. It was an experience of a lifetime, and while it goes deep down to see so many fellows so badly mangled, it is some satisfaction to be able to render a real service. Lieut.-Col. J. F. Kidd, of Ottawa, whom I was able to get in Dr. Anglin's place, came along in the nick of time. He is a thoroughly good fellow, and his presence will be of great value to us." Col. Kidd is a former Kingstonian, being a son of W. B. Kidd, of this city.

The colonel stated that they were fortunate in having two eminent surgeons in the camp, Sir B. Maynilhan and Alexis Thompson. The former was there as consultant, and often came to Queen's hospital.

"The tide of war," continues the writer, "seems definitely to have turned in our favor. I happen to know something of the total losses on the three or four days following the 1st of July, and they are rather large. No doubt the Germans have paid like costs for their gains, and we must continue to lose heavily if an advance has to be made."

William Perryman Writes.

William Perryman, who is now with a battery in France, writing on July 18th from the Canadian Base Depot to his mother, Mrs. J. T. Perryman, York street, says that he is now recovering from his recent injury, and is troubled only with his back. He was to have been examined by a board of inquiry on July 23rd to decide his fitness for his return to his battery. While at the base depot he looked after the orderly tent, and he says that it is a very agreeable work. He states that he does not think the war can last much longer, as the Germans are having a hard time where he came from, but wishes that he could get back to the guns with the rest of the boys.

Lieut. William Nickle Around.

Mrs. W. F. Nickle received a letter from Lieut. William Nickle on Tuesday in which he stated that he was improving rapidly from his wounds and expected to go back to the front to rejoin the 21st Battalion. He also stated that he had been visiting his father, W. F. Nickle, M. P., in London, and had had the pleasure of accompanying his father and brother, Lieut. Douglas Nickle on a sight-seeing tour.

Trooper Timms Ill.

Miss Mattie Timms received a cable from her brother, Pte. William Timms, on Wednesday morning stating that his battalion, the 109th, had arrived safely in England. Mrs. T. W. Timms, Frontenac street, received word that her son, Trooper George W. Timms of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, had been forced to return to a hospital in England with heart trouble. He was able to leave the hospital on July

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