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## VETERANS OF KINGSTON

(Continued from Page Three) to be known as "The Canadian Leg- gamation; but not under any of the of the Toronto Globe that Col / Peck just want to see adequate provision Canadian Legion as untrue. "The veteran happily re-established, 'Tin Hat Review' has done more for which case he is an asset as a citithe sold ers than 'The Veteran,' sup- zen." posed to be the official organ of the G.W.V.A., but really under other why the G.W.V.A. that had an or-

was not an idea originating in the minds of a few men, he quoted a r - lowney did not urge the executive of solution passed by the A. and N. the Canadian Legion to join the G. Veterans in 1918 favoring it and the W.V.A.. G.W.V.A. is committed to it as a body from coast to coast and there is not a body except the G.W.V.A. that has A. \$20,000 and further grant of not already placed itself on record in \$10,000 a month from the canteen favor of amalgamation. The G.W. funds. This money belongs to the V.A. is willing, but wants to take time because they know it cannot be done in 1922, "It must be done now There are now nine veteran bodies. We do not want to add a tenth, but the need for reorganization of the ting bodies into one." Long applause followed Mr. Mullowney's address.

Comrade Howe's Address Comrade Howe was the next ment over the size of the audience. | tion?" He dealt with some of the causes leading up to the amalgamation movement. It was in Winnipeg in 1917 that the first movement for amalgamation was started. There were then nineteen veterans' organizations there and they were formed into the G. W. V. A. which grew throughout Canada into an organization with a membership of 250,000, a body that was a political force and recognized as such. The government sent representatives to its conferences. The membership dropped to 100,000. In Ontario, the voting strength of 80,-000 dropped to 30,000 and finally to only 5,400. This represents a great loss in power. "So you see that we had amalgamation in the beginning and all the necessary machinery. insist that the veterans to-day be told the truth. There are not 3,000 organized veterans in the city of Toronto, The G.W.V.A. claims 16,000 in Toronto but this is not true. They have club rooms that are empty. The G.W.V.A. in Kingston is improving, but an empty club room is nothing and the same thing applies to all organizations of every kind. The veterans' movement in the east is dead. The G.W.V.A. from Fort William to Halifax is dead and it means that the whole returned soldier movement

has gone to pieces." Dealing with the causes of the break-up, Comrade Howe said questions of policy had much to do with it. The mandate for bonus at Montreal that was never acted on was one thing that resulted in loss of interest and membership. Efforts for compensation for ex-service were told of by the speaker who felt that with the election coming on they were nearly all too late. It was estimated that \$400,000,000 was needed to compensate the men of the. C. E. F. Compensation is a plank in the platform of the Canadian Legion. It was turned down by the G.W.V.A. at the dominion convention, "We are to men who have fallen down and ber mitted the veterans and their dependents to suffer."

Kingston View.

Speaking for the Kingston branch G.W.V.A., Comrade Connor said the membership had fallen from 2,000 to 500, and he explained some of the causes for the loss. One of these was the bonus slogan "\$2,000 or bust! But he saw that there was a real ment of fit men and the problem lished? There was not one hand | return to Smith's Falls to live. raised. Local conditions of separation were emphasized by the fact which all know well-we cannot re-W.V.A. The speaker did not agree a Labor candidate being named . to the suggestion that the veterans organize for political action, for to as so many considerations entered it for you

into the choice and election of a representative to parliament. "The soldiers would be prejudicing their whole future, and in such a course you will get left," said he. "But as a city, what has Kingston done for the veterans? I remember ex-mayor H. existed in the minds of a few men W. Newman welcoming the boys at in Toronto" as untrue, and read sev- the railway station with the stateeral letters from officials of veter- ment Boys, the city is yours' (laughans' organizations endorsing amalga- 'ter' but Kingston did nothing." Commation of all soldiers into one body rade Conner said he was for amaiion." He also declared the statement names of existing organizations. "I was to be the first president of the for widows and dependents, and the

Comrade Warburton rose to ask ganization already recognized by the As showing that amalgamation government might not be used for amalgamation, and why Mr. Mul-

Mr. Mullowney replied that the government has given to the G.W.V. veterans of Canada and not to any one organization, but a federal elec-

Comrade Howe: "We are endeavoring to force on the different bodies G.W.V.A. and if the G. W. V. A. can get back its lost members I am for the G.W.V.A."

Comrade Warburton: "Does Mr. Mullowney think he can get amalgamation for the Canadian Legion or speaker. He expressed disappoint- for the G. W. V. A. before the elec-

Mr. Mullowney: "If you give me the money and the organizers, I say yes." (Applause.)

Comrade Warburton: "If by our contentions we tear down the exsting organization at Ottawa we will never get amalgamation. This has not been a matter of universal de-

Comrade Mullowney: "The G. W. V. A. has an executive right at the government's elbow and the others are not constantly in the government offices, but the government will yet be sorry it gave the \$20,000 to the G.W.V.A., for the G.W.V.A. has reached its limit and the returned man realizes that nothing further can be done for him, unless the present organizations are smashed and one body formed. Where is that \$20,000 and where is the \$10,000 a month going? It is enough to organize the whole dominion, and the reason why Comrade McNeil does nothing about amalgamation is that the government won't let him. You bave but twelve of fifteen members attending the regular meetings of the A. and N., and G.W.V.A. in this city during the past twelve months."

Lieut, E. Adney, representing the provincial executive of the A. and N. Veterans, read an open letter to the veterans of Kingston in which ne stated that at the executive meeting last year the A. and N. committed itself to a national policy of amalgamation. This appeared in the 'Khaki Call," the official organ. In 1918, a resolution was passed to the same effect, but the paid officials of the G.W.V.A. were fighting against it. Comrade Adney made a strong plea for amalgamation, showing that in Britain there was but

At the conclusion of Comrade Adney's address the resolution for amalgamation was put and carried unanimously, also a resolution thanking the Griffin theatre management for the use of the theatre. A collection was taken to defray expenses of the speakers, and the meeting closed with "God Save the King."

one veterans' body.

Goes Back To India, Smith's Falls, Sept. 19 .- Dr. Mararet O'Hara, a Queen's graduate, is now on her way back to India to resume her labors as a missionary, after a year's furlough. Before leav ing she received two presents in soldier problem in the re-establish- cash, which she will use to buy an automobile in India. This veteran cases. He asked for a show of hands representative of the Canadian to the question: How many men in Presbyterian church in India will this room are successfully re-estab- spend five years more there and then

May Oppose Porter Again. Belleville, Sept. 19.-While no cognize a man who is not a veteran candidates have yet been named in and I need say nothing more than West Hastings, R. J. Graham, who that, and arguments for amalgama- opposed E. Gus Porter, K.C., M.P., tion are of no avail. I do know this in the last electon, has announced that in Kingston and elsewhere the that if the latter is a candidate for position of soldiers would never have re-election he (Mr. Graham) will be been as good as it is without the G. in the field. There is a possibility of

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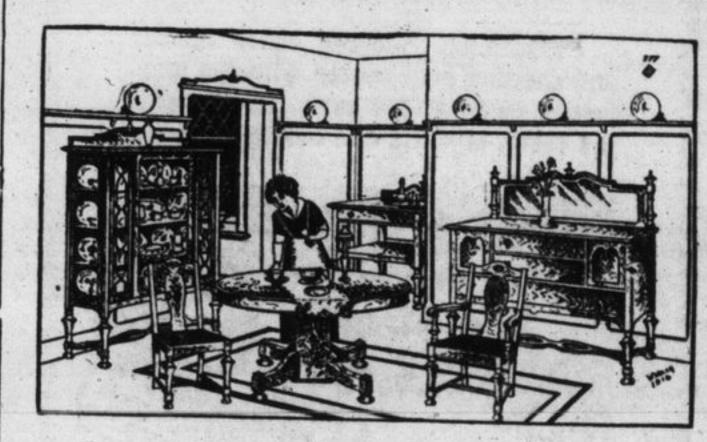
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### News of Kingston

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The upper end of the city was in Toronto, Kingston and Hamilton darkness all last night as the work are in the Ontario Rugby Union senof installing the new street lights has jor series this year with no less than three teams from Kingston. Miss MacCallum has been appoint-

As the result of an impassione ed nurse for the Kingston public address by Rev. Mr. Lelacheur schools and will take over her duties Sydenham street church, young men have volunteered for at the coming general election. J. T. Dodd, a traveller for an Eng. | work in China.

ish firm, who has been all through | Five desperate convicts had planwestern Canada in the last month, ned to make their escape from the says he thinks the west will be penitentiary but were frustrated in

Thomas Sproule, a well-known and Miss Osborne, superintendent of esteemed farmer of Westbrooke, was nurses at Rockwood, has resigned to killed by a fall from a silo yesterday. take a good position in the United James G. Bews, physical director States.

at Queen's, has been giving the ath- An interesting article in to-day's letes there a stiff workou. Whig tells where the city fathers every evening. "Jimmie" will put spent-or misspent-their summer

Representatives of the Farmer and Labor parties in Leeds county, at a conference held in Brockville, passed a resolution in favor of the placing of a joint candidate in the field In the lexicon of the classified ser-

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