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A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN FOR RECRUITS TO BE CARRIED ON

The campaign for the recruiting of the 55th Battalion up to strength began in Fredericton last night when a standing committee of ten, with power to add to that number, was appointed to take charge of the work in the district allotted to Fredericton which comprises York and Sunbury Counties and that portion of Queens County west of Upper Gagetown. The organization meeting was held in the City Council Chamber on the call of Mayor Mitchell and was well attended. Before the close of the meeting a number of volunteer speakers for public meetings had been enrolled and the use of some motor-cars given. His Worship was elected chairman on the motion of Lt. Col. T. G. Loggie and R. H. Simonds was elected secretary on the motion of J. J. Weddall.

The standing committee was selected by a nominating committee composed of George W. Brown, Dr. T. C. Allen, Dr. F. W. Barbour, J. J. Weddall and the Earl of Ashburnham. It is as follows:—Mayor Mitchell, Dr. T. C. Allen, J. D. Palmer, Ald. J. M. Lemont, Dr. F. W. Barbour, J. J. McCaffrey, Warden Harry Smith, the Earl of Ashburnham, Judge Wilson and Lt. Col. T. G. Loggie.

Further arrangements will be in the hands of the committee.

MAYOR MITCHELL.

His Worship, after taking the chair, thanked those present for the honor conferred upon him. Through Major W. J. Osborne, Lt. Col. Kirkpatrick, officer commanding the 55th Battalion had asked him to call this meeting. Its purpose was known to all. The Militia Department had requested the owners of motor-cars to place them at the convenience of those who would work in the campaign. He could announce that after the present week, Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell of Sackville, would assist in the campaign.

MAJOR W. H. GRAY.

Major W. H. Gray, recruiting officer for this district, spoke at the request of the chair. He stated that he had had considerable experience in recruiting and was glad that the citizens were taking an interest in the matter. Good work had been done in the past by this good old city in which, since the war began, about 529 men had enlisted. From the whole district of the 71st Regt. well up to eight hundred had been obtained. He recognized the value of public meetings in stimulating recruiting but thought that value would be increased if a couple of most intelligent soldiers were available to be sent through the audiences and get in touch with the men.

REV. DEAN NEALES.

While the committee was being selected Rev. Dean Neales spoke. He urged the importance of rousing the people throughout the country to the seriousness of the problem now confronting the British Empire. The one object was the successful completion of the war. New Brunswick was called upon for seven hundred men to complete the 55th Battalion. It was a small number. The people of the province had not done half what they should. Look at what the people of the British Isles had done. A special appeal should be made to the wives and mothers to give their consent to the enlistment of husbands and sons. He knew one mother who, when her only son had enlisted, had said, "Go, I would be ashamed of you if you did not. But I will worry until you come back." Personally he would be pleased to have an opportunity to take part in the campaign.

LIEUT. VASSIE.

Lieut. W. W. Vassie, asked by His Worship to speak, said that the people of New Brunswick did not yet realize that this was Canada's war. The defeat of Britain would mean the end of all things for Canada. He thought that Belgium wrongs had been over-emphasized at the beginning of the war but the average Canadian could not be reached by such a plea. Personally he had some information of the campaign to recruit the 26th Battalion to give the committee, at the request of Major Osborne.

REV. MR. NEWCOMB.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb pointed out that the problem was many sided. It should appeal to all British subjects. The realization that every last man and woman was needed should be brought to every one. Every last German was working for victory under the stress of autocracy. Every Canadian should do the same through his democracy. The war should be ended as soon as possible and every effort should be put forth. There should be no compromise. People were living in the greatest days of history and he believed that Canadians would rise to the occasion.

J. D. Palmer spoke briefly, emphasizing the necessity of having recruiting officers at each meeting held during the campaign.

REV. DR. SMITH.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith said he was

ready to go anywhere to work in this campaign, even if he walked. (Applause.) Of course he would rather go in an auto. He had been informed on excellent authority that whole districts had not sent a man into the army. At Harvey he had been told very few had gone from there. This was not as it should be, when it was known how many Frederictonians had sent. St. Paul's Presbyterian congregation had sent thirty-one and it had done no more proportionately than had other congregations. It was a critical period in the history of the empire and the last effort should be made to bring forth victory. If Canada had raised as many troops as had the British Isles she would now have 375,000 men in the field. In the Old Country they were recruiting almost four times as fast as in Canada.

PROF. STILES.

Prof. Stiles said that the greatest recruiting argument was a khaki jacket. Stand a uniformed soldier in front of a meeting and let him say he was going. The speaker also suggested a complete census of all males to show his eligibility for service, whether or not he had enlisted and the reason.

A. D. THOMAS.

A. D. Thomas expressed the opinion that many men could be secured with in a short distance of Fredericton. As far as securing the consent of the women was concerned he was proud of the spirit shown by the women of this country. New Brunswick, with her population, should raise with ease five thousand men. One hundred years ago New Brunswick, in the war of 1812, raised several units including the famous 104th Regt.

REV. MR. FENWICK.

Rev. A. C. Fenwick said that he knew of country districts in which the people hardly knew of the seriousness of the war. He had been in Keswick recently and had seen young men hauling potatoes at thirty-five cents per barrel. He asked if any from that place had enlisted and was told they had not and that one man who had trained at Sussex had concealed himself when the recruiting officer had come round. He also thought it would benefit recruiting if some of the doctors were killed. It was ridiculous to turn able-bodied men down because of a few teeth being missing.

J. J. Weddall stated that Rev. Thomas Marshall was unable to be present at the meeting but that he was heartily in sympathy with the matter.

Ald. Walker placed his automobile at the service of Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith to take part in the campaign.

Postmaster Bliss also spoke briefly and volunteered his services as a speaker.

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Recitation—Margaret Fradham.
Recitation—Clevy Stillwell.
Chorus, Soldiers of the King—School.
Address—Mr. J. B. Daggett.
Chorus, The Maple Leaf—School.
Address—Rev. E. E. Lake.
Address—Rev. Mr. Simpson.
God Save the King.

PTV. WALTER BURDEN

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ches for six days and in that time had had but one man struck. The Germans had used gas on the 16th once. The Canadians could see the gas coming but a shower of rain began and beat the gas cloud down to the ground.

Private John Jones of this city, was written to by his wife from Flanders to the effect that the 12th Battalion had gone to France. He also mentioned the fact that "Bud" Mackenzie of Chatham, who had enlisted here with the field artillery, was also in Flanders. James Jones, his brother, who enlisted with one of the regiments of Canadian Mounted Rifles, is also in Flanders.

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