

BALANCE SHEET SOUGHT IN VAIN

Absence Brings Christian Men's Brotherhood Federation Under Scrutiny.

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Want to Know How Collections Are Used—Treasurer Answers.

When a person subscribes directly to a society seeking funds for its maintenance by public subscription, and cannot after a length of time obtain any satisfactory information as to how such money is expended, and such society fails to produce a balance sheet, the said subscriber or subscribers are apt to become suspicious as to the capable management of the society.

The Christian Men's Brotherhood Federation of Canada, incorporated, is a society which received from the public something like \$50,000 in the past few months. In May last, fifteen months ago, they have come under the critical eye of some of their subscribers and supporters. The World yesterday afternoon has received numerous letters inquiring as to the standing and the nature of the work performed by the society. The following letter seems to contain all the important points, and summarizes the questions asked by other correspondents.

Seeks Information.

Editor World: I have sought vainly to procure information regarding the objects and aims of a mysterious association which has sprung up among us during the war, under the title of "The Christian Men's Brotherhood Federation of Canada," with offices in Kent street, Toronto. The promoter of this association is Thomas Howell, late colonel of the Salvation Army, and manager of the immigration department of the late Canadian Northern Railway. Mr. Howell, I believe is the only paid official outside the office staff. It would be interesting to know something of their methods of collecting and distributing the money they beg from the public for carrying on their propaganda.

Can you throw any light on above and oblige.

Patriot.

As the above letter contains questions needing an answer, and veiled insinuations which required unraveling, The World yesterday established an investigation into the history, aims and present, and the financial position of the federation of Christian men.

The Christian Men's Brotherhood Federation of Canada was established some ten years back, under the name of the Brotherhood of Christian Men. It was later changed to the Christian Men's Federation, etc., and, just lately, to the title it now bears. For six years Thomas Howell was honorary secretary of the movement, but for the past two years he has become the paid general secretary of the organization. Mr. Howell has had a wide experience in this class of work for some years. He was a colonel in the local Salvation Army. He left that body to join the immigration staff of the C. N. R. Two years ago he took up his present position and began to make the society from a little toy into a real useful vehicle. The society also aims to federate all men's organizations which are founded for the following or kindred purposes:

- To extend the Kingdom of God in Canada and in the world.
- To promote the Federation of Christian men in congregations and communities.
- To foster worthy ideals of citizenship, and to focus public sentiment on great moral issues.
- The society is federated with the national brotherhood council, an old organization of Great Britain, and Rev. John Clifford, D.D., president. This British body have done some excellent work during the war and are now on the sea on a tour of holding in London, England, in September, the delegates who came from such distant lands as Canada, United States, Africa, Egypt, Palestine, Serbia, Japan, China, and all the European countries are to be entertained by the lord mayor of London and will be addressed by Lloyd George, premier of Great Britain, and the American ambassador. The head of the Canadian branch is Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., president; Rev. J. O. S. Shaver, D.D., past president; and J. O. McCarthy, general treasurer. The executive is composed of ministers living in towns from Montreal to Winnipeg.

Asked for Balance Sheet

When The World yesterday sought Mr. Howell, the secretary to the organization, at the offices in the Kent Building, he found a good staff busily at work. The World told Mr. Howell the object of the visit and asked for a balance sheet. Mr. Howell was unable to produce this document, or rather as he put it, "without the consent of my executive and many of them are now on the sea on a tour to the conference in England." After some persuasion the secretary rang up Dr. Moore, the president, and his reply was to the effect that he was against giving the desired information at present. After a time better counsels, however, prevailed and Mr. Howell was able to obtain a letter from J. O. McCarthy, the treasurer, stating the receipts and expenditures for the past fifteen months. Mr. McCarthy is the first vice-president and manager of the Security Life Insurance Company of Canada, of which Sir Henry Pellatt is president.

Treasurer's Statement

The letter is as follows: The World, Esq., Secretary, Christian Men's Federation of Canada. Dear Sir: Following our telephone conversation I beg to give you herewith the figures of receipts and disbursements of The Christian Men's Federation up to the time of audit on March 31, 1919. The total receipts

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OTTAWA WILL BE GREAT ART CENTRE

Critic Gives History of Canada's Unsurpassed War Pictures.

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The ultimate object of the committee, consisting of Lord Rothermere, formerly British air minister; Lord Beaverbrook, head of the Canadian war records, and of the late Sir Bertram Lima, director of pictorial propaganda, was to provide the capital of a vast series of monuments and imposing artistic memorial of the part Canada played in the great war. This memorial was to consist in the first place of a vast series of monumental decorative paintings arranged in size from 12 feet to 40 feet in length and dealing with every phase of Canadian war activity on land, on sea and in the air. Battle pictures were to be supplemented by portrait groups of the war leaders, representations of life in training camps, recreation units, munition works, railway construction, forestry, historical, shipping, in fact, every phase of labor and organization required by the exigencies of modern warfare.

By Eye-Witnesses. These great panels were to form an integral part of a magnificent architectural scheme constructed around these decorative paintings, for which spaces of suitable dimensions were to be provided in the architect's design. Subsidiary to this series which in itself would constitute a complete series of portraits of Canadian V.C.'s, and a historical section of paintings by old masters that have some special bearing on Canadian history, such as Romney's famous portrait of Joseph Brant, bought by the fund at public auction for \$27,500, and the "Death of General Wolfe" generously presented to the fund by the Duke of Westminster.

A schedule of the main subjects having been drawn up by the committee, every effort was made to find for each subject the one and only artist whose best achievement justified the faith to do full justice to the theme allotted to him. Thru the cooperation of the Canadian government, these artists, or most of them, were given commissions in the Canadian army, which enabled them to proceed to the front to collect their material.

Thruout the committee endeavored to avoid the customary method of employing artists who work from newspaper descriptions, or rely upon their imagination. Every picture was to be the result of actual observation and experience of personal emotion.

Artistic Aspect While thus making sure of life instead of historical accuracy, the committee did not lose sight of the artistic aspect of its colossal scheme. The collection of paintings was to give a complete and reliable picture of the condition of art in the period of the great war. Every phase, every school, from the ultra-academic and conventional to the extremely modern cubist and avant-garde was to be represented at its best so that the Ottawa war memorial should become—in future ages—a place of pilgrimage for art students and art lovers; that Ottawa should become one of the greatest art centres of the American continent, if not the greatest.

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WARD FOUR OUTING BY CONSERVATIVES

Col. Evans, Provincial Candidate, Calls for Protection of the Fish Resources.

Lieut.-Col. A. Kelly Evans, Conservative candidate for N. E. Toronto in the coming provincial election, was the chief speaker at the Ward Four Riding Conservative Association outing, held at Scarborough Beach Park yesterday. The speaker dwelt at considerable length on the natural resources of the country, and the urgent necessity and duty of the government to take every care and attention of same, owing to their depletion in consequence of the great war.

"We have three great natural resources," said the speaker, "the forests—which it is common knowledge have been depleted and cut over in a way we all must deplore, during the last 25 years, and much remains to be done in exploitation of our forests. The farms are also being depleted of natural resources, said the speaker, who pointed out that there are fewer people farming the land, particularly in western Manitoba, where they are not farming, but mining the ground in order to get rich quick."

Farmers Buying Milk. The same applies to Alberta and Saskatchewan, where farmers in thousands buy in their milk and butter supplies. The fisheries, the third great natural resource, in which the speaker takes a personal interest, he pointed out were depleted in the Fraser River, and "the fate of the Fraser will be the fate of other rivers in British Columbia if not given attention. On the Atlantic coast the depletion of the lobster fisheries which is sinking down is deplorable. The great salmon fishery, which today 1,300,000 pounds, is a falling away from former times, when it was a common occurrence for a catch of from 500 to 10,000 pounds with one net in a single day. "In the old days," said the speaker, "the fish so plentifully caught was salted down for future consumption, and large quantities used by farmers on the land for manure. This is worthy of serious consideration when we think of the price we now pay for fish."

Proclamation. The speaker said the causes of depletion might be placed under five heads—disregard for the future, get rich quick methods, absolute disregard by both governments, and ignorance and apathy of the public.

Bacon Versus Fish. "Owing to the scarcity of bacon during the war, it was decided by the province of Ontario to get people to eat fish, in order to send as much bacon as possible to our boys overseas. The minister of public works tried to give the public fish, and in so doing endeavored to cope with the trouble."

"It was found about 85 per cent. of the fish caught in the great lakes was taken by the people of the United States, and it was necessary to find some other lakes for public supply. Nipissing and Nipigon were fished, and the price of this food was stabilized," said the speaker, who gave some interesting figures regarding the great fishing combine of the Gorton Fish Company of Gloucester, which was a permanent company with a \$2,000,000 capital, and had now a \$2,000,000 preferred capital, and \$2,850,000 common stock, upon which they were paying four per cent. "which is all water stock," said Lieut.-Col. Kelly Evans.

Benefit Thru Tourism. "A by-product of the fishery industry is the tourist trade, which has been successfully fostered by the State of Maine, which benefited by its game fisheries, attracting 144,845 people to the interior of the state, and realizing \$14,000,000 revenue, according to government statistics.

The State of Maine is only one-eighth the size of Ontario, and we should take example by their enterprise. We require increased railway, hotel, and pleasure facilities, and it is worthy of consideration.

"There exists in the great lakes the greatest political problems in the Dominion of Canada, and the most difficult to solve.

"Owing to the dual control, the more deeply you go into the matter the more rocky the terrain. Both the federal and provincial governments have the endorsement rights to close down the lake fisheries, and there is also dual control by each state on the other side, and the difficulties are still harder, as between Canada and the United States.

To Settle in Legislature. "The most difficult question of all to settle is the great lakes, and there is no place for ultimate success more favorable than the floor of the provincial legislature, declared the speaker, who concluded by stating that having been appointed by the late Sir James Whitney on the fisheries commission, he had considerable knowledge of the situation, and his only desire was to devote the remainder of his life to this great question.

James R. Code, president, who occupied the chair, said the Ontario temperance act is a matter solely for the personal conscience of the people, and that for the association to instruct its members which way to vote. "There are many in the party who think we should go back to our old political ideas, and what Sir Robert Borden says we should stick to," said Mr. Code.

The band of the Q.O.R. contributed a musical program and races for young people and adults of both sexes were successfully carried out. Among those present were J. M. Skelton, J. Galbraith, Ald. Cowan, Geo. Munn, W. H. Black and J. Stuart Bruce.

An enjoyable time was spent by the large gathering in attendance.

The artists were paid from the proceeds of the enormous publications issued from the Canadian war records in London and of the exhibition of war photographs organized by the same department. A very considerable amount flowed in to the coffers of the fund as a result of the exhibition of the Canadian war memorials at the Royal Academy in London last winter. The collection may thus be stated, partly at least, to have paid for itself.

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Police Inspector Robert Beatty of Main street police division has been selected to take charge of the police force at the Exhibition. During the holiday season Beatty has been acting assistant deputy chief of police. Five sergeants, two patrol sergeants and 50 uniformed men will be on duty. Plainclothesmen and detectives to the number of 50 will also strengthen the force. "This year promises to be an exceptional year," stated Acting Chief Dickson yesterday afternoon, "so we are having more than the usual number of police there. We are also trying out a new plan by having some of the officers specialize at some particular part of the Exhibition."

Sergeants Guthrie, Martin and McKay will be in charge of the station, while Sergeant Lundy will control the traffic at the loop, and Sergeant McKay will handle the policemen in front of the grand stand. Patrol-Sergeants Charlie Scott and Rogers will handle the two shifts. Eight mounted men will be quartered there, as well as a motor ambulance and patrol wagon.

TORONTO MAN HELPED KOREA.

According to statements alleged to have been made by the Rev. A. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Presbyterian foreign missions, that church played a part in persuading Japan to investigate conditions in Korea. Asurances were received from the Japanese premier that the government is endeavoring to "promote the lasting welfare" of the Koreans and to ensure a distinct improvement of conditions that will not be misconstrued.

SCOTS TO WELCOME WILLOCK.

Glasgow and District Association are giving a reception to Deputy Lieutenant Willock of Glasgow, Scotland, on Friday, August 22, at 8 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Elm street. Mayor Church, with other notable guests, will be present.

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