

"WE WANT \$700,000 FROM DISTRICT BEFORE CLOSE" SAYS CHAIRMAN

This Amount Needed to go Over the Top—Should Have \$1,700,000 to Help Province Make Objective—Ten Thousand Dollar Subscription a Feature Yesterday—Good Open Air Meeting.

"We want \$700,000 from this district before the close of the campaign in order to go over the top, and we should have \$1,700,000 to help the province make its objective. We also need at least six cars each day for the balance of the campaign in order that the canvassers may get into the country and reach the people," Chairman Elkin of the central committee said.

The feature of yesterday was the subscription by the Boston Marine Insurance Co. of \$10,000. G. Heber Vroom, local agent for the company, called headquarters and announced that the company had authorized him to take \$10,000 of the Victory Bonds and filled in the application then and there.

This is the second insurance company to subscribe through the local office, the first being the Globe and Rutgers. H. H. McElliott, agent, who took the same amount, and in this way showed their appreciation of the business they had received from St. John citizens. The central committee felt highly gratified at this substantial recognition from the head offices of these companies, and they are wondering if others will follow suit.

Victoria Ward went over the top yesterday. Lansdowne won their fourth crown and Kings Ward one crown.

The commercial men and the young ladies of the Y.W.P.A. are running neck and neck in their contest, but the advantage for the present is with the "ladies of the strip." The girls claim, however, that they have a surprise or two up their sleeve and when the total returns are counted the boys will have to gracefully acknowledge themselves vanquished. The returns up to last night are: Girls, \$107,950; men, \$112,950.

Open Air Meeting.

"Come along. Buy a Bond. Buy a Bond. Buy a Bond. Buy a Bond." This is the chorus of the solo so beautifully sung by Miss Blenda Thomson last evening as her share of the program in front of the Imperial Theatre. Miss Thomson was told that a \$100 bond had been bought as a direct result of her rendering of the solo "Do Your Bit" at one of the Victory Loan meetings, and she said that she felt that that alone was reward enough for singing in the open air.

De Witt Cairns gave a splendid rendering of "Heroes and Gentlemen." Miss Maybelle Cole accompanied Mr. Cairns, while Miss Farber played for Miss Thomson. A very fine trombone duet by George A. Buckle and Earl A. Emery of the Depot Battalion Band, "The Larkspur Watch," was greatly enjoyed.

Stirring Addresses.

P. A. Dykeman was in charge of the program, and opened the meeting by a stirring appeal to those present not to let their thankfulness for the ending of the war evaporate in shoutings and cheers, but to buy bonds as an outward sign of their desire to have the boys brought home and well looked after when they have returned.

S. E. Elkin of the central committee, in a good address expressed his confidence that the required sum of \$700,000 would be raised by Saturday. He said that if the largest city in the province should fall down and asked his hearers to take this seriously and get a bond button. If it could only be brought to the hearts of the people so that they would realize how they would feel when the rest of the 36th came home, if those here had not done their part, people who have not even bought a Victory Bond will feel pretty small when the boys from all the regiments come home.

Mr. Elkin urged the ladies and women present to stir up before Saturday night any persons they know who had not yet purchased a bond.

"For the honor of St. John, for the honor of the boys overseas, who will read in the paper of the trenches what St. John has done, we must go over the top. Let the governor-general's flag be flying and let there be a crown on our flag."

Rev. H. A. Goodwin in a well worded and sincere appeal spoke especially to the small investors and explained how now that times were good it was the moment to provide for the future when depression may come. Many people have twice as much money to them ever had and now is the time to invest money in such splendid securities against the lean days which it is feared may follow.

Mr. Goodwin pointed out that the government would require the money for the needs of the soldiers for two years at least as the struggle was not

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NINE NEW CASES OF INFLUENZA WERE REPORTED

Eleven Houses Released from Quarantine Yesterday—Statement of Health Department on Lifting of the Ban.

Nine new cases of influenza were reported to the Board of Health yesterday and eleven houses were released from quarantine.

In regard to the lifting of the ban on public gatherings which took place at midnight last night the chief medical officer made the following statement to The Standard:

"In permitting the reopening of public places of assembly in general on the 14th, schools on the 15th, colleges and the Normal School on the 20th, throughout the province the Department of Health would not wish it to be understood that it regards the epidemic as completely over and done with. In probably very few parts of the province is this absolutely the case.

"Beyond doubt it will be many weeks before sporadic cases cease to appear and in some localities, mostly in the remoter settlements and some

isolated communities, it is yet in an epidemic state.

"To have retained the general closure, however, until practically all traces of the disease had disappeared would have entailed an amount of hardship inconvenience and loss which the department considers it would be unwise to impose. To guard the public as far as may be practicable, however, from any ill consequences of a premature reopening in localities still largely infected, it has advised the local authorities to use their discretion in the matter and not to reopen for a little time longer if in their judgment it would be wise to continue the closure.

"Everywhere the department would request the public to exercise the utmost caution and good sense in resuming their usual habits as regards public meetings of all sorts. No one should attend such gatherings until completely recovered from the influenza, that is to say, until all cough and discharges from the nose and throat have disappeared. It is also

of equal importance that no one at

though apparently well himself should mingle closely with the public while the disease remains in his family."

The Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Roberts, pointed out that reports of new cases from all parts of the province had been gradually growing less and this showed conclusively that the disease was on the decline.

So far as the situation in the city was concerned he said there was a serious condition of affairs. In many homes there was to be found sickness and suffering and there no doubt would be many deaths. This condition would hold good for the next two weeks and perhaps longer, but the reports from the physicians showed that they were not making any more than half as many calls as a week ago, clearly demonstrating that the disease was on the decline.

The department had put the ban on early and had kept it on for the fifth week, one week longer than any other place in America, and he felt that the day after tomorrow the closure any longer.

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not complaining, were suffering from the closing up of their places of business, and it was not fair to them to keep the ban in force any longer. In places where the epidemic was still raging the local authorities had the power to keep all the prohibited places closed, but so far as St. John was concerned he had not felt it would be wise to continue the closure any longer.

Dr. Melvin reports as follows: Moncton—11 cases, 5 deaths for November to the 11th.

Grand Manan—16 cases, no deaths. Parish of Beresford—3 cases. Chatham—For the 11th and 12th, 8 new cases, 1 death.

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