

G. W. V. A. Meeting.

IMPORTANT ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN.

A very largely attended meeting of the G. W. V. A. was held last night, Lt.-Col. Bernard presiding. His Excellency the Governor, who was present, addressed the men on their duties in civil life. His address will appear in full to-morrow. The Chairman said in part:

COMRADES: Although strictly speaking this is not a time for a general report upon the work of the Association, your Executive Committee feel that circumstances demand a few remarks on matters which are of interest to us all, as members of the G. W. V. A. With this in view, I shall ask you to bear with me for a few moments, while I give you a few details among other things about the present standing of the Association, and the attitude of the Executive Committee towards certain controversies which have appeared from time to time in the press—controversies at a common understanding of which we ought to arrive to-night.

Membership.

Owing to an unfortunate loss of certain data during the summer months of last year it has been found impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the number of members of the Association; certain steps, however—among them the weekly publication of membership lists have been taken to ascertain who are on our roll; and it is hoped that within a few weeks this part of our work will be satisfactorily completed. The records handed over by the late Executive show a membership list of—roughly speaking 1500 less than was reckoned at the time. This error may be explained in part by the fact that when the Books of the Association were audited in December last, a surplus of some \$600.00 was found which could not be satisfactorily accounted for, but which may have represented a number of subscriptions not entered in the books.

When it is considered that about 8000 men offered their services to the mother country, the number of paid-up members seems to be far below what might have been expected.

Financial Statement.

The Financial position of the Association on February 12th of this year shows that when all debts have been settled, the Association will have a credit balance in the Bank of \$1585.82. This does not include the sum of \$4161.60 which has yet to be collected on account of the Drive, during the next five years.

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The income for the current year can only be very roughly estimated, since for the greater part it depends on revenues from subscriptions; while the expenditures—including those in connection with the Club will not amount to less than \$4500. How to meet these expenditures is a question which has exercised the minds of your Executive and about which we solicit your opinion and advice to-night.

The Club.

As you are all aware, the Club Rooms were declared open by H. E. the Governor on January 29th last, and have been fairly well patronized since then. A marker has been temporarily engaged at a salary of \$500.00 a month and an allowance of \$300.00 a year, has been made to Comrade Matthews in consideration of his having undertaken to be responsible for the heating and cleanliness of the building. After having thoroughly examined the Financial standing of the Association and studied ways and means for increasing its income, your Executive Committee decided to raise the subscriptions for membership to \$2.00 a year, which cum gives each member the right to use the Club Rooms. Even if we reckon on a membership roll of 1500 which is, in our opinion, a high estimate—this leaves a deficit of \$1500, \$500 of which will be met by rents received for the use of the lower room. The present weekly income from the card room is about \$10.00.

While on the subject of the Club, it may be well to mention that the attention of the House Committee has been drawn to the fact that cards have been and are being played for very high stakes. The Executive Committee wish to state very emphatically that, while they in no way object to the playing of cards for such small sums as do not materially effect the pockets of members, they strongly deprecate the idea of playing games for amounts which very few, if any of us can afford, and the loss of which is bound to bring discomfort and dissatisfaction to many homes. They, therefore appeal to your sense of what is right, from a moral as well as a material point of view, and ask you to give your full consideration to a resolution concerning the Club, which will be brought before you later in the evening.

Broadly speaking in the matter of pensions, Newfoundland comes an easy second, and it may be worth while for all of us to consider this fact from all points of view and to ask ourselves whether in all fairness to the taxpayers we can with justice press our request for an increase in Dependent and Disability Pensions. It may be news to some of us that one million dollars is expended yearly on returned soldiers and sailors, in other words, every man, woman and child in the Island pays a tax of \$4.00 towards expenses connected with ex-service men.

I should like to say that in the opinion of your Executive Committee, the officials of the C.R.C. are doing their utmost to meet the many demands which come to them daily, that they give their earnest and sympathetic attention to each individual case, and that far from deserving any severe adverse criticism they are worthy of the thanks and gratitude of the members of this Association. Naturally they are not beyond making mistakes, and thus they would be the first to admit; but broadly speaking, we feel that they have the interest of the ex-service men at heart, that they are open to discussion and even persuasion in the case of deserving men and ready to press what they consider just requests, before the proper authorities.

Let us be fair; let us look at things from all sides and judge accordingly. I am firmly convinced that the C.R.C. are on the whole doing their best for us, are we on the other hand fulfilling our part of the bargain? Can we say that we have made the most of the opportunities offered us by the C.R.C. and the public generally? Here is a case in point. After a great deal of trouble and with some pressure, 45 berths for the sea-fishery were obtained for returned men. On the 10th of March, that is the day of sailing—20 of these 45 men failed to put in an appearance and civilians had to be obtained at the last moment. Is that playing the game? Do you think that actions such as that I have just mentioned will tend to give us the sympathy of the Government or in plain language tend to damn the lot of us?

The Publishing of Military Records.

You will no doubt have noticed the attitude of your Executive with regard to the publishing of Military Records; little more need be said about the matter, except that we hope the action we took will meet with your approval. I should like to add, however, that your Executive Committee wish it to be clearly understood that they disclaim all connection with private correspondence such as from time to time appears in the press, unless such correspondence has first been submitted to them for approval. They feel that they cannot associate themselves as a body with quarrels and controversies of a private nature. May they be allowed to remind you in this connection that "Unity is strength."

The Constitution.

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In conclusion, we shall like to remind you that we want to see every member of the Association; for where their is unity, numbers make for strength, and strength well applied

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and directed means power for good. Let all members remember, in the words of the Constitution, that they are to continue in their services of Newfoundland as citizens, the same spirit of sacrifice and loyalty which they have shown to Newfoundland and the Empire as soldiers.

It was announced that the Government would favorably consider the granting of a 20 per cent. increase in the case of totally disabled men, and that the advance for orphans and children of deceased men would be dealt with later. A resolution to stop the playing of various games at the clubrooms for high stakes was unanimously passed. The meeting approved of action being taken by the Executive of the Association in connection with the publishing of conduct sheets. A committee, consisting of P. Daniels, H. A. Anderson, L. C. Murphy, H. H. Ross, H. Pitcher and another member was appointed to act with the Executive in consulting the Government as to increases. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded His Excellency the Governor, who remained till 11 o'clock, and the meeting closed with the national Anthem.

Handel's "Messiah"
First Heard in London.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1743, Handel's oratorio, the "Messiah," was for the first time produced in England, at Covent Garden Theatre. Born at Halle, in Saxony, on February 23, 1685, Handel lived in Italy from 1706, but in 1710 came to England, where he found his work more welcomed; dying in London on April 14, 1759, he was buried in Westminster Abbey. George Frederick Haydn took twenty-three days to compose this oratorio in the autumn of 1742, and it was first performed at Dublin, where the receipts were given to the churches of that city. A pension was granted to Handel in England, which was later on doubled. Some time previous to his death he became afflicted by total blindness, but this had little effect upon his spirits, and he continued not only to perform in public but even to compose till within a week of his death. He composed several great oratorios, "Israel in Egypt," "Saul," "Samson," "Judas Macabaeus," "Joshua," "Solomon," and "Jephthah"—but the most celebrated is the "Messiah." His first commemoration was held in Westminster Abbey on May 28, 1743, when King George the Third, with Queen Charlotte and about three thousand persons were present. The band included two hundred and forty-five instrumental performers; and the receipts of three days amounted to £17,746. The centenary, or hundredth anniversary, of Handel's death, was celebrated by a great Handel Festival in the Crystal Palace, in June 1857, with two thousand seven hun-

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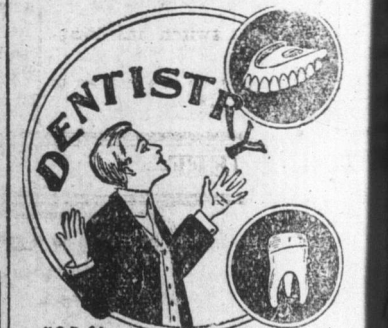
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