

THE MILLION MARK REACHED HERE FOR LOAN

Big Boost at Meeting Last Night When Sum of \$1,045,000 Was Subscribed.

St. John has reached the \$3,000,000 mark in the Victory Loan campaign. That patriotism is not dead, as some people assert it is, in the city of St. John, was evinced in no uncertain manner at a meeting of the business men and members of the Victory Loan committee last evening at the Union Club, when some forty or fifty prominent citizens raised \$1,045,000 to help St. John "over the top." T. H. Estabrooks, chairman of the provincial committee, presided and pointed out the object of the meeting, which, he said, was to insure St. John's objective. Premier Foster gave an inspiring address. His address was followed by one from Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, who suggested that the "two minutes' rest" on Armistice Day should be utilized by the Victory Loan campaigners.

The meeting immediately warmed up and the greatest enthusiasm for the campaign was soon aroused. Five subscriptions of \$100,000 each were soon guaranteed from five of the leading business houses of the city and these were soon followed by another \$100,000 subscription by a gentleman who said that he had decided his face was worth nothing in St. John and had therefore removed his money to other places but

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he had been influenced by speakers and decided to bring that much back again. Several \$50,000 subscriptions followed and a ballot system suggested by M. F. Agar was introduced and then the \$10,000 and \$5,000 subscriptions poured in until the amount stood \$3,000 short of the million mark. Here a very dramatic incident occurred when Leon Keith jumped up and threw in the odd \$3,000 which brought the total up to a million. Mr. Keith's action was greeted with cheering and clapping of hands. Several men present who had already subscribed, all they felt able to do, doubled, in some cases quadrupled and in one incident even went eight times over their original subscription, so great was the spell cast over them by the enthusiastic speakers and so clearly was the necessity for this loan shown to them.

Two committees were formed to carry out suggestions of utilizing Armistice Day. Howard P. Robinson was elected chairman of the first, the object of which is to raise a million dollars from the \$10,000 class on Armistice Day. E. Allan Schofield was elected chairman of the other to carry out his own suggestion of having a rousing meeting on the evening of November 11 with the object of getting at the savings bank accounts.

The chairman, T. H. Estabrooks, opened the meeting with a brief and concise speech, saying that the workers, although they had perfected their organization in the city, found that the job was more difficult than they expected. He spoke of St. John's record on previous occasions when she had always gone away over her objective and he hoped that on this, the most important loan of all, as it was needed to square Canada's debts and clean up after the havoc wrought by war, St. John would come out just as honorable as she had done in other years. He called upon Premier Foster to address the meeting.

The premier spoke from the provincial aspect and he related New Brunswick's record in the war, the men, ammunition and money she had always been ready to give unstintingly and he said he felt sure that she would come forward now just as generously as she had in the past if the people only could understand the necessity for this loan. He felt that this was the great trouble, the people did not realize that Canada really needed the money. They forgot, the premier said, that Canada had immense debts which she had to pay

and great responsibilities which she had to meet in many different ways. Those who had not the money should believe in the future of the province and discount their future prosperity and pledge their future talents and energy to subscribe to the loan as he himself intended to do.

The city and county chairman, R. D. Paterson, spoke of the object of the meeting, saying that although he knew the business men and other citizens were giving their support, there was a feeling that it was a passive support, and he wished it might be more spontaneous. He spoke of the German gun trophy and said that although this might be mere sentiment still if it were placed in King Square it would show the generations to come where the present generation had stood in the clean-up.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter referred to the maritime provinces as a whole and said that if they did not stick together for their rights they would be left behind as the population here was small and getting smaller, and this meant smaller representation. It was essential that New Brunswick should not only reach its objective, but go over it to show the rest of Canada that this province had not merely helped to win the war and then laid down, but that it intended to have some say in the future. He went on to say that this was a time of thankfulness for the storm of war was safely passed through, and his idea was to use

Armistice Day when the people would naturally be rejoicing, as a time to bring home to them the necessity of further assistance to the country. He said that, after talking to the chairman, he had decided to multiply his subscription by four and then after listening to the different speakers he decided to double that again.

The chairman then explained that the banks were willing to extend almost unlimited credit to the responsible business men of the city and he hoped they would take advantage of it. It was then decided to set apart Armistice Day as Dr. Baxter suggested, and another suggestion made by Allan Schofield that a rousing meeting be held in the evening of that day was also adopted. M. F. Agar suggested that a ballot system be employed at the present meeting to see if the men in the room could raise \$1,000,000. After several large subscriptions of \$100,000 were taken in, this system was adopted and the total was raised to \$1,045,000. Several men raised their original subscriptions several times.

The meeting adjourned, having appointed the two committees to look after the Armistice Day arrangements, one to hold a meeting in the day time to get the \$10,000 subscriptions and the other in the evening to get after the small bank accounts. No county returns were handed out last evening as there have been some miscalculations on the part of some counties and these will have to be adjusted.

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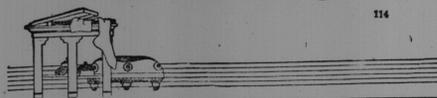
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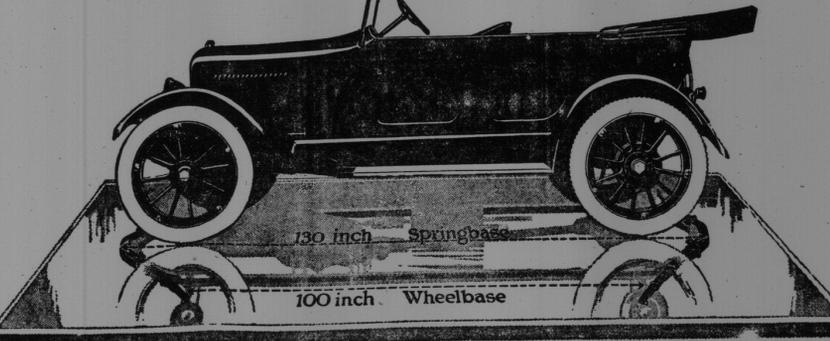
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