

NOT CHARITY, BUT WORK IS WANTED

General Gunn Suggests Organization of "Citizens' Repatriation League."

UNEMPLOYED VETERANS W. F. Maclean, M.P., Says Returned Soldier Should Have Priority Everywhere.

Nearly one thousand men and women thronged the main corridor of the city hall yesterday afternoon when Mayor Church called to order the meeting arranged by General Gunn to plan for the entertainment and employment of Toronto's soldiers who have returned and are on the way. Many rows of chairs had been placed in the corridor and a special flag-draped platform had been erected for the speakers.

In opening the meeting, Mayor Church said: "The object is to continue to provide for a general organization to look after the soldier and his dependents and to secure a better position than he had in civil life before the war. After all is said and done, while it is the duty of the federal government to do this, sooner or later this duty would devolve on each local municipality."

After reviewing the unemployment situation, the mayor stated that it was one thing to open up an employment bureau, but another thing to find positions for the men. There was a warm feeling among the people generally towards the returned men, and the large citizens' committee, as a permanent organization, consisting of committees who had made successful in the various patriotic campaigns and others, would provide an efficient organization to look after the soldiers for all time.

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As Man to Man.

Casting aside his rank of general commanding the military district and addressing his hearers as man to man, Brig.-Gen. Gunn delivered a stirring address on "Demobilization and Repatriation."

The speaker pointed out that his military duties ceased when the last hour under his jurisdiction received his final discharge from the army, but just at that point duty as a citizen began. It was Toronto's opportunity now to demonstrate to the world that she could achieve what had hitherto been impossible, the assimilation of her soldiers back into civil life without social and industrial chaos following.

Seventy-five per cent. of the veterans of the Crimean war, it was estimated, had died in British work-houses. In the United States the tramp had his first appearance in the United States. Canada had been unsuccessful in getting back to civil life even her small army of 7,000 from the Boer war. Gen. Gunn went on to outline the duties of every citizen, to welcome the returning men home, and to co-operate with the government employment bureau to obtain employment for them.

Moreover, there must be an extensive campaign of education, to refit the returned men for civil life. Canada owes a great debt of gratitude to her veterans, and there must be no reaction from this attitude.

"Monuments will be erected to these men," declared Gen. Gunn, "but the greatest monument any city can raise is to assume the full responsibility for the care of the loved ones who will not return."

The general briefly outlined his plan. His proposal was a large voluntary organization here in Toronto with every citizen as a member. He pointed out that a membership of at least 50,000 should be aimed at. He suggested that it be called "The Citizens' Repatriation League."

The general stated that when the membership became large enough the city would be divided into districts and looked after by sub-committees in turn.

In conclusion, General Gunn said that the war record of Toronto called to the people, and asked that the citizens realize the necessity for the scheme.

Get Under Way.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., in his address pointed out several ways in which the committee could enlarge and assist in dealing with the after war problems, the unemployment situation, the munition workers and others. He advocated that the committee take up the housing problem and urge the necessity for the public works to be got under way. In dealing with the returned soldier, Mr. Maclean said, "There should not be a position in the federal, provincial or municipal governments, that is not offered to a returned soldier first." Speaking to the audience as individuals, he said: "If you have any work to be done offer it to a returned soldier. If your factory or place of business needs any work done consider the returned soldier."

"We ought to have a court such as this committee will be, where the returned man can come and present his case," said Mr. Maclean. "They do

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WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

By a will made at Valcartier Camp in Sept. 1914, Major Joseph D. Simpson, M.C., left an estate valued at \$5,772, which will be inherited entirely by his daughter, Vivian Lois, when she becomes of age. In the meantime, her mother will act as guardian. The major was killed on Oct. 11, and one of the executors, his brother Roy, was also killed in action.

Thomas Kidd, who died Jan. 31, left an estate valued at \$6,733, which will be inherited by his four sons.

In a will made two days before his death, Thomas Culbertson left his whole estate, valued at \$135, to his brother-in-law, Robt. H. Scott, Sebringville, Ont.

The new Toronto local of the Stenographers and Bank Clerks' Association received its charter last night, and installed the following officers: president, John E. Fowle; vice-president, Emil Tenger; recording secretary, Miss E. Crook. The union has a charter membership of 50. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 21.

ELECTRIC SIGN TO WELCOME SOLDIERS

North Toronto Will Be Brightened Up for Returned Men.

The board of control yesterday decided to erect an illuminated sign at North Toronto station, with the words, "Welcome: Toronto is proud of you." It will cost \$75 a month.

"It will be a great thing," said Controller McBride, "All there is now is blank walls."

A deputation of residents from Euclid avenue asked that no permit be granted for the conversion of dwellings into stores. The board, at a former meeting, granted a permit to one man. A report from the property commissioner will be obtained.

Following a motion by Alberman-Williams, the recommendation of the works commissioner was adopted, that a sewer be laid on Amroth avenue at a cost of \$8,120. A favorable petition was received from the residents.

Mayor Church paid a tribute to the late Captain M. Thompson of the fire department, who was killed at a recent fire. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to the family.

Controller McBride: "What's the use of throwing bouquets after the man is dead? This man joined the force in February, 1890. He was promoted to lieutenant in January, 1906, and to captain on January 2, 1910. If he was as capable a man as Chief Smith says he is, I want to know why he was not promoted to district chief this year instead of so many others who joined the force after him. He was an old man and should not have been on the roof, but he always did his work with all his heart."

DEMobilIZATION DEPOT SETS HIGH STANDARD

If there is one branch of the militia department in this district which is entitled to take "With neatness and dispatch" for its motto, it is that of demobilization, the most important branch of the department—at least to the men whose one desire is to leave the army. Everything is put thru quickly by Major Gibson and his adjutant, Capt. Richardson, and the men have no opportunity to grumble about being held longer than is necessary.

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Toronto City Mission Annual Financial Statement

The postponed annual meeting of the Toronto City Mission, which was to have taken place in November, but was delayed on account of the date conflicting with that of the armistice, was held at the board room, 14 College street, yesterday.

The meeting was opened by Vice-President Chas. McD. Hay, but later the president, Rev. John Neil, D.D., took the chair. Three new names were added to the board of directors: Rev. C. M. Carew, Rev. Jesse Gibson and Rev. W. E. Hassard. Mr. Hay moved that the names be added and that the annual report be adopted.

The financial statement showed that receipts for the year were \$6,256.11; salaries, \$729.95; annual reports and booklets, \$312.65; collection charges, \$861.46; other expenses, \$144.90; balance, \$186.12.

The work of the mission is inter-denominational. Reports stated that during the year missionaries had made 10,832 visits to homes, 218 to institutions, prisons and hospitals; 406 Gospel services were held, and 20,852 tracts and Gospels, some in foreign tongues, were distributed; 240 children and 175 mothers and other sickly women were given a free two weeks' holiday at the Fresh Air Home, Bronte. On Christmas Eve last, 437 dinners were distributed among poor families.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL CLUB.

At the regular meeting of the Women's Musical Club yesterday afternoon, held in the new Masonic Temple, Yonge street, the pianist was Miss Edith Buckley, whose opening Chopin number from the Sonata in B flat Minor, played in finished style, earned her enthusiastic applause. She also played the "Prelude and Nocturne" (Serabine), "The Top" (Leschetizky), and "Hungarian Rhapsodie, No. 11" (Liszt).

Kenneth Angus, a tenor with dramatic ability, sang selections by Reyer and Frank Harting. He was accompanied by Mrs. Florence McKay. Dorothy Wade, who displayed a good deal of refinement of treatment in her violin selection, "Romance" (Ambrosia), also gave "Frelude and Allegro" (Paganini-Kreisler).

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The charge against Alfred Goulding of criminal negligence, was dismissed by Col. Denison in yesterday's police court as no evidence could be produced to sustain the charge, he being able to prove that he was at home and in bed the evening of the accident.

Nathan Nowack and Helen Warschowsky, according to their story, were walking on the sidewalk near the General Hospital on the evening of Jan. 12 when a car came up behind them and knocked them down and both sustained injuries. The driver of the car, they said, took them to within two doors of the house where Miss Warschowsky lived, and while he would not give his name left a telephone number. Nowack afterward looked the number up and found it belonged to a Mr. Jackson. With another friend he visited Mr. Jackson and at the time Mr. Goulding with his family was visiting the former and a car was standing outside. Nowack swore that it was the same car and that Mr. Goulding had been the driver.

Mr. Goulding and his wife testified that he was at home and asleep in bed on that night and he further said that he never had driven Mr. Jackson's car.

"There is no doubt that Goulding is not the man," said Crown Attorney Corley.

Crown Attorney Corley declined to say anything when interviewed regarding a statement made by him that no more bail would be given at Toronto jail. The whole question of bail was in a muddle at the jail, he said, but he had no fault to find with the way the police sergeants at the stations handled it.

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