

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE WORK

Authority to spend \$500, if necessary, in securing a suitable design for the proposed civic monument to those who fell in the great war, was given the sub-committee on design, and location at the meeting called last night to hear the sub-committee's report. The meeting was held in the board of trade rooms, with the convenor of the main committee, R. T. Hayes, M. P., presiding, but was not largely attended, and neither of the two designs which the sub-committee submitted was unanimously approved of. The sub-committee was thanked for its efforts and asked to continue its efforts and to report at a later meeting.

Mr. Hayes recounted the steps taken in the matter of deciding to erect a monument in memory of those from St. John who gave their lives in the great war. The suggestion had first been made by the Municipal Chapter of the I. O. O. F., and the committee appointed a sub-committee to decide upon the form of the memorial and the most suitable site.

Miss F. Alward, the secretary, was asked to read the sub-committee's report. The report recommended that the monument to be erected cost not more than \$20,000, and that it take the form of a cross of sacrifice, thirty-one feet six inches high, costing \$6,000, set in a suitable semi-circular enclosure, the whole to cost about \$10,000, or that it take the form of a shaft with bronze figures according to a design submitted by Hamilton McCarthy, of Ottawa, costing about \$20,000, and also

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that with the permission of the mayor and council of the city the monument be erected in King square, at the head of King street.

Mr. Hayes then explained further that an arch had been favored, but that it had been considered too expensive, sums varying from \$35,000 to \$70,000 being quoted as the cost of an arch. Mr. Watson, of the Imperial War Graves Commission, had suggested the cross of sacrifice, such as those placed in the military cemeteries overseas.

The design submitted by Mr. McCarthy, who had made the monument of Champlain in Queen square, was similar to a war monument in South Carolina, and was a tall shaft with a Winged Victory in bronze in the centre and two bronze soldiers in the position of attack, one on either side of the base. Both designs had found favor with some members of the sub-committee.

R. E. Armstrong spoke in favor of the cross of sacrifice as symbolical of all branches of service, and as something to be an inspiration through the ages. He thought a soldier in the uniform of the present day would be obsolete in years to come.

W. L. Caldwell favored the cross of sacrifice, as similar large crosses had impressed him most in cemeteries overseas.

Colonel Sturdee made the motion that the cross of sacrifice, thirty-one and a half feet high, be erected. R. E. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Canon Armstrong asked why the second largest size was chosen if the site was the finest in the dominion. The largest cross of sacrifice was thirty-seven and a half feet high and cost \$9,000 as compared with the \$6,000 for the second largest.

R. E. Armstrong said action must be taken soon or public interest would wane.

F. B. Ellis did not like the cross as it was essentially a cemetery monument and not suited to the prominent position it was to be given. He did not consider the meeting was large enough to decide so important a matter, and thought more designs should be submitted and another meeting called. He described the monument erected in Montreal station and suggested that the same designer should be asked to submit a design for St. John. If he had sent no reply when written to then someone should be asked to go and see him. The monument was for all time and Mr. Ellis

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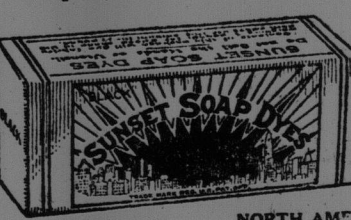
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felt steps in selecting it should be taken very carefully.

Colonel Sturdee said sculptors and architects were unwilling to submit designs as the committee was not in a position to offer a prize.

Alexander Wilson and Mrs. G. E. Barbour favored the cross of sacrifice. Judge Armstrong considered the meeting had not been well advertised and recommended another meeting be called.

Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, representing the Women's Canadian Club, offered to get the opinion of the club on the matter. She personally favored the cross, and she brought before the meeting the suggestion of Mrs. Leonard Tilley for an inscription, "They see the glory of God."

Motion withdrawn.

As the meeting did not appear entirely in favor of the cross, Colonel

Sturdee and Mr. Armstrong withdrew their motion.

Canon Armstrong said it was not easy to get something original. He favored the Hamilton McCarthy design as both Victory and the Man at attack represented all who made the supreme sacrifice and as to the uniform becoming archaic what was wanted was something that would depict for all time the war of 1914-1918, not a monument suitable for any war.

W. L. Caldwell as treasurer reported \$300 on hand.

Mr. Ellis recommended that two prizes, one for \$300 and the other for \$200 be offered for competitive designs of a monument, the total cost of which was not to exceed \$20,000. This motion was not seconded.

Colonel E. T. Sturdee related how the cross of sacrifice had been selected from 200 designs submitted to the Imperial War Graves Commission by

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sculptors from every part of the empire, which assured its being artistically suitable. Everybody would recognize what it stood for, and he considered that it best typified the sacrifice of the men who gave their lives. Mr. Watson, of the Imperial Graves Commission, when in the city had inspected the proposed site at the head of King street, and had declared there was none finer in the dominion. He had advocated the thirty-one and a half-foot size of cross, as the cross was made in four standard sizes. The war graves commission had no interest in the erection of the crosses, but had a copyright, and the permission of the commission had to be obtained before the design could be used. The cross of sacrifice had already been erected in Vancouver, Regina and Calgary, and he understood one of the largest size was to be erected at Halifax in memory of the sailors who gave their lives. Halifax was to have an arch as a civic memorial also, he understood.

Judge Armstrong moved that the sub-committee on design and location be thanked for its good services and asked to continue its efforts and report to a larger meeting. This motion carried by one vote, nine to eight.

Mrs. T. H. Carter spoke of the fine Sons of England monument in Toronto.

G. E. Barbour then moved that the committee be authorized to spend \$500, if it saw fit, in its endeavor to secure a suitable design. He thought it was a mistake to think that good designs would be secured without any expense.

The meeting then adjourned.

Those present included W. H. Lugsden, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barbour, W. L. Caldwell, E. L. Rising, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Carter, Alexander Wilson, Judge Armstrong, Miss Frances Alward, C. B. Allan, Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong and R. E. Armstrong.

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cellent musical programme. The fair will be continued until Wednesday night. The prize winners last night were as follows: Door prize, ticket No. 3784; country store, box of groceries won by ticket, 149; ten pins, H. McVicar; ring toss, H. Newton; devil-among-the-tailors, W. Lord; gentlemen's air gun, Bert Carleton; bagatelle, Walter Scribner; flood-gates, F. Kirkpatrick.

AMERICAN EDUCATORS STUDY SWEDISH SCHOOLS

Stockholm, Sept. 9.—(A. P., by mail).—A number of American educators have come to Stockholm this summer to study the public school

system of Sweden, and at least ten Swedish school teachers have been sent to the United States for special investigation, according to the report of Dr. Karl Nordlund, chief inspector of public schools in Stockholm. A further illustration of the increasing international exchange of cultural ideas lies in the fact that the investigators this year include Chileans, Greeks, Japanese and Chinese.

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