

TWO

WELFARE FUND ASSOCIATION TO RAISE \$155,000

Enthusiastic Meeting To Plan Drive Held At Tecumseh House.

ALL COMMITTEES REPORT

Whole-Hearted Co-operation of Citizens Anticipated in Big Campaign.

If the interest and enthusiasm shown at the meeting of the London United Welfare Fund Association, held in the Tecumseh Hotel last night, is to be taken as a criterion, this year's objective of \$155,000 will be attained. But, as was pointed out at the meeting, this success is only possible through the whole-hearted co-operation of the citizens in the good work.

There was a splendid attendance, and in the absence of the president and the first vice-president Philip Pocock, second vice-president, occupied the chair. He explained that President George M. Reid was still out of town, although very much improved in health, and expected to be back again soon. Col. Gartschore was unavoidably absent.

Budget Report Adopted.

The report of the budget committee was submitted by A. E. Silverwood and unanimously adopted. It was as follows:

Having given due consideration to the request of the various organizations making application for funds for welfare and charitable work for the current year, your committee unanimously recommended that in the coming campaign provision be made:

For Current Expenses.....\$24,000
Y. M. C. A. 15,500
House of Providence and St. Joseph's Orphanage 16,000
Protestant Orphanage 6,000
Child Welfare Association 5,000
London Health Association 8,000
Women's Sanatorium Aid 3,500
Salvation Army 14,000
Social Service Council 5,000
Victorian Order of Nurses 1,500
St. John's Ambulance Brigade 5,000
Children's Aid 6,000
Day Nursery 2,500
Total \$105,500

Interest Payments.....\$ 5,000
For Capital Expenditure..... 7,500
Y. M. C. A. 10,000
Salvation Army 8,000
W. C. A. Home for Incapacitated 10,000
Total \$35,000

The total above is \$140,500. For Current Account \$105,500
For Interest Payments 5,000
For Building 35,000
Total \$145,500

Contingent Fund, Campaign Expenses, Shrinkage, Office Expenses \$ 8,500
Objective \$155,000

The report of the nominating committee, consisting of A. T. Little, Col. Claude Brown, W. F. D. Jarvis, R. T. Yendall and H. F. Skye, recommended the following officers:

President, Mr. George M. Reid; vice-presidents, Col. W. M. Gartschore and Philip Pocock; honorary treasurer, John S. Moore; chairman auditing committee, H. F. Skye; chairman special lists canvass committee, J. J. Foot; chairman individual subscribers canvass committee, W. R. Yendall; chairman public utilities, railways, etc., employees' canvass committee, E. V. Buchanan; chairman house to house canvass committee, Ald. Harley; chairman educationists canvass committee, H. B. Beal; chairman publicity committee, Major Gordon Ingram; secretary, Gordon Phillips.

The president, vice-presidents, honorary treasurer, secretary and chairman of the committees named form the executive of the association.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Committee Reports.

The report of the budget committee—Col. Claude Brown, J. G. Richter, Major T. J. Murphy, A. E. Silverwood, W. F. D. Jarvis, William Hunter and G. R. May—was already given.

H. F. Skye, in submitting the report of the audit committee, said that the audit had been made in full and had been carried right up to date. The

money affairs of the association were in excellent condition.

Publicity Committee.

Major Gordon Ingram, in giving the report of the publicity committee, stated that a number of new features were being introduced this year. One of these was a large heart with an arrow pointing right and left which would be attached to posts and other prominent points along the various streets and highways. Posters were being set up in the factories and a circular letter was also being sent to the factories and the same to every house in the city.

An effort was also being made to get the employees of the manufacturing establishments and workshops and the clerks in the various stores and offices in the city to give one day's pay towards the fund, the foremen and heads of departments giving two or three days' pay. In the case of factories that were only working four days a week a plan was on foot by which a fifth working day would be added so that the employees would have nothing extra to give except their labor.

Letters to Pupils.

With the assistance of Inspector Greer, a couple of letters were being drafted for sending to the school children, one for the senior and the other for the junior pupils. In these letters the scheme for looking after the different institutions would be outlined. A letter would also be sent to the churches.

The report of the special "A" list committee was handed in by J. J. Foot. He stated that he had brought the matter before the Ministerial Alliance, and had received good support. On the Sunday before the opening of the campaign the movement would be specially mentioned from the pulpits.

The work of the individual subscribers or "B" list committee is being looked after by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. This list includes about 2,000 names, and W. R. Yendall, on behalf of the Rotarians, and Alfred Mitchell, of the Kiwanians, spoke of what was being done by their respective organizations.

W. R. Yendall gave the report of the employees' canvass committee, and outlined the plans for securing one day's pay, which had already been touched upon by Major Ingram. He said that they had been assured that the factories would be running full time in a few weeks. He trusted that everyone in the city would have a hand in this good work.

The work of looking after the employees of smaller establishments, stores, banks, offices, etc., is being undertaken by the Advertising Club. E. V. Buchanan reported on the arrangements which had been made for canvassing the staffs of the public utilities, railways, postoffice and other public departments, and said that they had already been assured of the co-operation of 15 out of 25 of these organizations.

Travelers Will Help.

H. B. Beal outlined what was being done to cover the various educational institutions, and Ald. Harley related what was being arranged by the members of the Commercial Travelers' Association in connection with the house-to-house canvass. He said that the city was being divided into 24 districts, and that there would be a captain in charge of each district, 10 men being under each captain, so that it would require 240 men to cover the campaign of the "clean-up" committee.

Dr. Ramsay, secretary of the Academy of Medicine, reported on the efforts of the special committee which was handling the medical men and the military. This completed the different reports. Some discussion took place in regard to the dates of the campaign, as objection had been raised by some canvassers to May 10 and 11, the former being the date of the opening of the baseball season.

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SHORT PERIOD OF REACTION COMING IN BRITISH EMPIRE

City Clerk Baker Says Progress Alternates With Disintegration.

ST. GEORGE'S BANQUET

54th Annual Celebration Is Successfully Held At the Tecumseh House.

After tracing the history of the British Empire, and showing that long and short periods in which progress and disintegration ruled, came alternately, City Clerk S. Baker, at the 54th annual banquet of St. George's Society at the Tecumseh House last evening, stated that there was a short period coming in which there was going to be a change. Since 1888 there had been a period of progress. He showed how autonomy, monarchy and democracy came in turn.

At one time the nobles had struggled for supremacy, but today it was not a question of nobles, but of the common people. He added that the common people were going to rule, or if any one class, like the Labor party or the farmers, were going to hold sway.

At the present moment it seemed that the government was exploiting the people for prosperity. He replied to the toast "St. George's Day." There were other great days, but St. George's Day was the greatest, he said.

The British Empire was not like any other empire. It was not planned by a great man, but was a living empire that had naturally grown. It meant so much the love for king, but the tolerant British spirit that kept the Empire together.

Was it political folly to put the ballot in the hands of the masses? The speaker asked.

He thought that government had improved, for what used to be common practice would be regarded as scandal today.

Some said that the working people and the employing people had nothing in common; but Mr. Baker thought that this was absurd, and that the two classes had everything in common—peace and health—and that they must not let a rich heritage go to waste.

Lloyd George had proven that the common people could rule. "He is a real state manager. He has got rid of political ministers and appointed experts. He has a cabinet and administration of experts."

"We were not pressed into the great war. We went in because we wanted to."

What England had done in thirteen months took Germany 30 years to do. On Fifth Avenue New York it had taken 100,000 men a whole day to pass. If on this great parade ground the British dead marched past in close formation, 20 abreast, it would take them ten days to pass, he said.

Talking of the United States' part in the war, he stated that they had spent 100 millions of dollars for guns and had got 100 guns and a few howitzers to France. They had spent one billion dollars to get a bombing plane, but never got one to France in time. One hundred millions had been spent on tanks, but the first one did not come to France until the armistice, while the other nations were using fleets of them.

"It is enough for you and me if we follow in the footsteps of our forefathers," he told the members.

President Edward S. Sheard, speaking to the exceptionally large crowd, declared that the gathering was one of the most successful yet held.

East President Edmund Weld proposed the toast to "St. George's Day," said that it was one day in the year on which to crow a little and flap one's wings. He was sorry that there was not something with which to fill the glasses.

Life membership in the society were presented to J. H. Wille, Humphrey N. Marshall, F. W. Chapell, A. Hall, W. Barker, J. J. Nuttall, A. E. Woods, Mark Whitting, F. Gurd, Thomas Cook, H. A. Schaefer, F. Potter and Frank Gilbert.

Messages Exchanged.

Messages of goodwill from sister societies were received from Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Vancouver, Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton and Ottawa, and were sent to these places and to the Royal Society in London, England.

T. J. Holmes, proposing the toast to the Army and Navy, told of the work of taking Zebruggs and the sham battles at Dover, where a replica of the Mole at Zebruggs had been built to prepare the men for the attack.

The bravery of the Royal Marines and their sacrifices in various battles.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Reason, in reply, said that the Army and Navy existed to combat every kind of danger, to preserve civilization. He told of one young London boy who died in the hospital of which he had charge. When asked what message he would like to send to his mother, he said: "I tell mother that I tried to do my duty."

Should Have Ideal.

Proposing the toast to "Canada and Empire," F. W. Chapell, first vice-president, said that he came from Bristol, from which place John Cabot sailed and discovered this country. He said that it was the ideal of the Englishmen to make Canada a better country. Anyone the least light of that ideal should pack up and go back across the sea. "An Englishman has never reached where he has not sown." It was said that a Scotchman followed, and that he would not pay sixpence to go any place unless he expected to get eighteen pence in return, and the Irishman would not go unless he expected to find a soft place in which to lie down.

E. T. Essery, K. C., replying to the toast, said the affair could have been made a thousand times better if the wives, sisters and mothers had been invited.

On Sunday he had saluted four women who were marching in the parade to St. Paul's Cathedral. They did not wear medals. The governments were only shams if they did not treat these women who served overseas the same as they treated the men in the matter of decorations.

Only Flag.

The Union Jack, Mr. Essery declared, was the only flag, and it was "going to stay with us from now until Judgment Day, and six months after."

Lloyd George, he remarked, was better than any king of any other land, and was second only to the British King. We of Canada lived in the best part of the British Empire, he said, and told of Canada's contribution in men to the Empire's battles in 1837, 1866, 1870, 1885, 1900, and in the present war.

When Great Britain got into trouble we were not going to ask what we could do, but we would go to her assistance.

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Second Vice-President Charles Fish, and replied to by the presidents of various societies represented.

George L. Knapp, Harold Payne and

STOPPED HER HEADACHES

Years of Suffering Ended by "Fruit-a-lives."

"112 Hazen St., St. John, N. B."

"It is with pleasure that I write to tell you of the great benefit I received from the use of your medicine 'Fruit-a-lives,' made from fruit juices. I was a great sufferer for many years from Nervous Headaches and Constipation. I tried everything, consulted doctors; but nothing seemed to help me until I tried 'Fruit-a-lives.'"

"After taking several boxes, I was completely relieved of these troubles and have been unusually well ever since."

MISS ANNIE WARD.

Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50; trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

A. Payne pleased with a number of songs, while Gordon Scott was the piano accompanist.

STREET RAILWAY STRIKE UNLIKELY

Conference With Ontario Board To Be Held—Men Reduce Demands.

With definite announcement by the street railway management last night that a conference between the company and the Ontario railway board has been arranged, the situation assumed a more hopeful aspect. Prospects of a strike are receding, it was claimed.

The management also declared that the demands of the men are now definitely reduced to 50 cents an hour instead of 52 cents. As the increase asked is only two cents above the present scale of 48 cents an hour, they do not consider it probable that there will be a strike for that amount.

The railway board will be here for a conference Wednesday or Thursday.

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