

Mr. William Banks, Sr., Commissioner, Soldiers' Aid Commission, stated that he was sure the Fraternal Societies, of whom about one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) members had enlisted, and who have paid out over two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in death claims, could be depended upon to put forth every effort to assist the Soldiers' Aid Commission in returning the soldier to civil life.

The Hon. W. D. McPherson informed the meeting that there were three Military Districts in Ontario:

No. 1—Headquarters, London;

No. 2—Headquarters, Toronto;

No. 3—Headquarters, Kingston;

and in each Military District the Commission had an Inspector of Branches.

The method of organizing local Branches in the past had been to explain to the Mayor or Reeve of the Municipality the work of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, when afterwards a public meeting would be called, at which the Inspector invariably gave an address.

The Hon. Mr. McPherson suggested that the Commission send to each representative at the meeting a list of towns where the Commission now has a Branch and a list of towns where a Branch should now be formed. The representatives would then communicate with their different Branches throughout the Province and solicit their co-operation so that the Commission would have the assistance of the local representative in forming new Branches, and in the case of the Branches already formed it is possible that, if the representative was not already a member of the executive, steps could be taken to have him appointed. Further, that the Secretary of the Commission prepare a brief report of the meeting, a copy of which would be sent as soon as possible to the gentlemen present.

It was moved by Dr. W. H. Hunter, Ind. Order of Foresters,

Seconded by Mr. W. Brooks, I.O.O.F., and

Carried unanimously,

That the suggestion outlined by the Hon. Mr. McPherson be adopted.