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Rev. A. A. Armstrong, who accompanied Rev. R. A. Armstrong to Baltimore, returned yesterday. He reports that Rev. Mr. Armstrong is receiving treatment in the Johns Hopkins Hospital and that the physicians of that institution are hopeful of a complete recovery from the injuries he sustained more than two years ago.

MEN OF "LOYALIST CITY" CONTINUE TO IGNORE EMPIRE'S CALL TO ARMS; TWO FINE MEETINGS; NO RECRUITS

Audiences in Imperial Theatre and West End City Hall Heard Eloquent Addresses and Inspiring Music Last Night, but Not a Man Volunteered to Don the "Kilts."

Two recruiting meetings were held in St. John last night, one on the West Side and the other on the East Side. Splendid addresses and inspiring music were heard at both meetings but in spite of all that was done to bring home the need, not one man responded to the call.

At the Imperial.

The recruiting meeting in the Imperial Theatre last night was well attended by the usual class who have been attending the recruiting meetings in this city for some time past, namely, those who cannot go of the male sex, and a goodly sprinkling of women who would go if they were loved. After listening to one of the most clear cut calls to service which has been delivered here since the inception of the recruiting campaign two years ago not one man in the audience was willing to go to the aid of the boys who are fighting in France and Flanders in order that they might stay at home and enjoy themselves in comfort and safety.

Commissioner McLellan delivered a splendid address and took for his text the message of Sir William Robertson in the newspapers yesterday morning. Prof. Thornton was a new speaker to a St. John audience, but he more than justified the reputation which had preceded him as an orator and forceful speaker. The major occupied the chair and the officers of the 16th had seats on the stage. The band of the 16th was present and played a programme of music in front of the building while the crowd was gathering. Little Miss Gibb delighted everybody with her dancing to the skirt of the pipes furnished by Piper Cromwell. Miss G. McHarg recited very effectively "The Have Paid the Price." Lieut. Howe sang about the girl behind the man behind the gun; Mrs. Blake Peris sang "The March of the Cameron Men," and Miss Henderson, "Angus MacDonald."

The first speaker was Commissioner McLellan, who addressed his message particularly to the young men in the audience and took as his text the message of Sir William Robertson, in which he said "we must not expect to win unless every one helps."

He said that there was no excuse today for anyone not realizing the seriousness of the situation and said that Sir William Robertson was the weighmaster of the Empire just now and the message which he had just read weighed sixteen ounces to the pound and should be considered carefully.

We were fighting a foe led by the arch enemy of civilization, and it was the duty of every person in the Empire to do what they could to defeat this enemy.

The mayor called on Col. Guthrie to introduce Prof. Thornton. The colonel said that he was very glad to introduce a man of the stamp of Prof. Thornton, who while he, himself, was in civilian clothes had every male member of his family able to bear arms in khaki.

Prof. Thornton on rising was greeted with cheers. He said that it was an inspiration to any man to face such an audience as he had before him, especially as it was a meeting which began at the time when meetings usually ended.

The Kaiser had said that he knew the strength of the British nation but he also knew that they had been living in luxury for so long that they would be unable to stand the strain of war, and the Germans who had been a simpler living nation would win but he had made a big mistake. At the beginning of this, the third year of this struggle, the British nation was more than ever determined to see the thing through to a victorious finish.

He paid a high tribute to the personal worth of Col. Guthrie, the man who was asking them to go with him to battle for the old flag, and picking up the colonel's cap pointed out that the feather was dipped in blood, showing that he had already been wounded in the cause and was no novice in the game of war, and that the men who went with him would be under the leadership of one who knew just what he was doing.

Prof. Thornton said he was in England when war broke out, having just come from Ireland where he had seen the preparations which the Home Rulers and Antis were making for war on each other, and he wanted to say that history recorded no finer deed than that of Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond forgetting their personal differences in the face of the Empire danger and uniting to fight the common foe, and the blood of the believer in home rule and the Ulsterite was mingled together on the battle fields of France.

He believed that this war had taught men that there was something better than fighting over race and religion, and the world would be the better for this awful conflict. A better race would spring from the travail which the world was undergoing at the present time. It had been said at the beginning of the war that it marked the downfall of Christianity, but he wanted to say that if any person lost their faith it would be those at home, not the boys on the firing line. He had been there and seen them, and

there was no such thing, as an infidel there. He appealed to the men in the audience who were able to go, and asked if they thought that the job was worth while. It was not pleasant to ask men to enlist, but it had to be done, and while it was causing sorrow to ask the women to give up their loved ones the sacrifice would make better men and women out of us all. In graphic language he told of the sacrifices which the women of France had made, and were making for the cause, and said that France would emerge from this struggle more glorious than any other country. All the Allies had done their bit, but the fighting had been done on the soil of France.

He had been in Glasgow where every man on the street cars was a woman. They were doing the work of the men in order that the men might be free to fight and we should be proud of the part the women had taken in this world struggle.

If those in the audience could only see the pictures as those who had been over there could see it, he felt that surely they would not hang back but rush to join the colors. Lieut. Howe had sung about the girl behind the man behind the gun and his heart went out to the young women who had sent their loved ones across the sea and were waiting and longing for their return. He did not believe that the necessary men could be raised by the voluntary system and did not think it a fair way to get them. Since beginning this campaign he knew of one case in New Brunswick where one family had given six to the Empire and a neighboring family who had seven sons had not sent one. In closing he appealed to the men present in the name of the men in the trenches and in the name of their manhood to come and join the Kilts and present themselves in what he believed would be a sacrifice "wholly acceptable unto God."

Col. Guthrie made an eloquent appeal but to no purpose. Those in the crowd who would go if they could were then asked to come forward and some four or five responded.

To the question as to how many women in the audience had representatives at the front, about half stood. Col. Guthrie then asked all those in favor of conscription to stand, and quite a number responded. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

In West St. John.

Considering the size of the audience remarkable enthusiasm characterized the recruiting meeting held in the West End City Hall last night. No recruits, however, offered their services in defense of British principles.

The chairman for the evening was C. B. Lockhart. After the meeting had been called to order Piper Cromwell rendered a selection on the bagpipes. A recitation by Miss Gertrude McHarg was enthusiastically enjoyed, as also was a solo by Mrs. Ferris.

Sergeant Whitenock, who was a member of the "Fighting 26th Battalion," was the opening speaker. He referred to the many part being played by the New Brunswick boys at the front, and made special reference to the crater fight of Oct. 13th, 1915.

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He was followed by Magistrate Ritchie, who made an appeal to the eligible young men to enlist in defense of their homes and loved ones. He spoke of those who have paid the highest price in defense of British honor, liberty and justice.

Dr. Thornton, of McGill, who is in the city, was the next speaker. He gave a very vivid description of a Zeppelin raid upon the city of London during his visit there. He said that a person was either with Britain in the war or with Germany, and no matter what walk of life a man belonged he could do his part in bringing the war to a happy end.

The speaker made special reference to the sacrifice made by the women of the Dominion in the present conflict. In his peroration he strongly appealed to the physically fit men in the audience to come forward and join the colors.

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Major Geggie and Captain May both made brief yet spirit-stirring appeals to the eligibles to don the suit of freedom and to fight, not only for the British Empire but for their own homes. Major Geggie said that the officers of the battalion were not telling men to go, but were asking them to come.

Captain May remained after the meeting was over to obtain the names of any young men who desired to enlist but no one volunteered.

God Save the King brought the meeting to a close.

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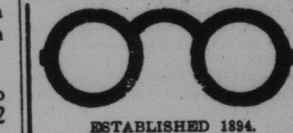
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