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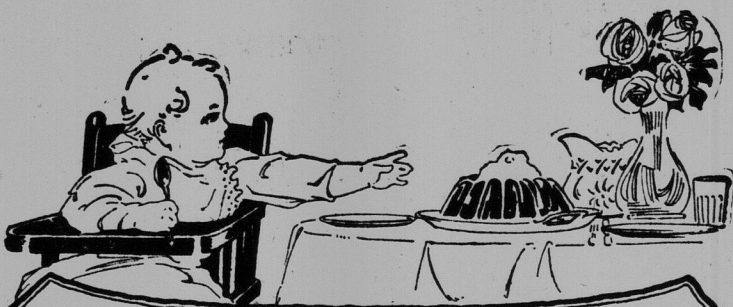
DELEGATES ARE HOME AFTER THE G.W.V.A. MEETING

Resume of Proceedings at
Convention in Montreal

The Matter of Re-Establishment Warmly Debated—
Important Resolutions of
the Closing Day—Visitors
Well Entertained.

Local and provincial delegates to the annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association, held in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, last week, closing on Saturday, returned to their homes today. The St. John delegates were N. P. McLeod, W. J. Brown and J. B. Dever, while others in attendance from New Brunswick were Vernon Grimmer of St. Stephen, J. H. Priestman, McAdam, A. E. Barton, Montreal; W. D. Richards, Fredericton; and J. E. Rice, Edmundston. A. E. Frame, provincial secretary, was in attendance, but went to Ottawa last night with a delegation appointed to interview the government regarding re-establishment.

The sessions of the convention were decidedly interesting. At times the debate on questions was highly spirited, especially with regard to the problem of re-establishment and the question of opening wider the door to membership. On both these questions there was a distinct difference of opinion between east



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and west. While the convention went on record as in favor of a full measure of re-establishment, different views were held as to how it should be applied and the demand for a cash bonus was arrived at only upon a poll vote being taken and then the preponderance of representation from Ontario and Alberta swung the decision towards the Calgary resolution.

The majority opinion from the maritime provinces was in favor of a policy of re-establishment for the returned soldier as outlined by the special committee of the G. W. V. A., which had dealt with parliament last year and which had deliberated the question studiously and from a dominion wide viewpoint for some months. Their argument was that this policy, which had been the subject of such careful consideration,

should be adopted rather than the Calgary resolution which they regarded as a "quit claim" upon the government "for services rendered," and which it was held had not been so seriously studied. The convention was united against entrance into politics as a body, but voted to permit political discussion within the various branches so long as "it pertained to the well being of the association." There was unanimity also in a resolve not to permit of any religious discussion at any meeting. Various other questions were considered, including the housing situation, immigration, education, development of natural resources and the high cost of living. Well Entertained.

The visiting delegates were royally entertained during their stay. The hospitality of Montreal rendered a banquet in the Windsor Hotel, the Knights of Columbus, Lafontaine council, gave a banquet in their handsomely equipped quarters under the auspices of the G. W. V. A., Ville Marie branch. Among the outstanding figures of the convention were Lieut. Col. J. L. Baisdon, M. P. P., Halifax; Major Andrews, M. P., Winnipeg; Brig-General Kirkcaldie, Vancouver; Colonel Grellman, alderman of Montreal; Rev. Canon Scott, Montreal; Major Cyrus MacMillan, professor at McGill University; Col. MacKenzie Forbes, Montreal; Lieut. Col. Hunter, Toronto; and Leonie Plante, a former officer with the 22nd French Canadian battalion, who was unopposed for the office of second vice-president, and who received an ovation. There was one lady delegate, Mrs. Garland Foster, returned nurse of Nelson, B. C., formerly of Fredericton, and she took a keen and active interest in the meetings. Invitations for the convention next year were extended from Winnipeg, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Charlottetown and St. John, and on a vote being taken the delegates favored Port Arthur because of its central location.

Montreal, March 28.—(Canadian Press)—At the closing session of the G. W. V. A., yesterday, several important resolutions were passed, among them being:— That, as the present allowances are barely adequate to meet the demands of living, the dominion government be urged to make a special death benefit grant of \$100; that the association encourage in every way co-operative movements among veterans and consider the formation of a centralized buying federation; that the formation of women's auxiliaries be encouraged; that the militia department be asked to make known its policy on a permanent force, which should be up to date and efficient and offered by returned men; that the navy badge issued be cancelled and one bearing the inscription "For Service on the High Seas," replace it; and that a trunk road from the Great Lakes to Winnipeg be built to colonize the northwestern part of Ontario and that soldiers be given preference in the selection of labor employed on it; that the convention adopt a resolution renouncing anti-British publications, notably the Hearst papers.

SALVATION ARMY CONVENTION HERE

A young people's convention was held in this city on Saturday and Sunday by the Salvation Army. About seventy-five delegates between the ages of thirteen and twenty-five were present from Amherst, Fredericton, Woodstock, Moncton, Sussex and Campbellton. The meetings were conducted by Commissioner Richards, assisted by Colonels Morchen and Chandler, Brigadier Barr, Adjutant Hodgson and Campbell, all from Toronto. Other officers from outside the city were Adjutant and Mrs. Miller, Adjutant Ellsworth and Mrs. Adjutant Hurd. The division staff was also present, consisting of Brigadier and Mrs. Moore and Adjutant and Mrs. Best. The meeting on Saturday evening was devoted to welcoming the delegates, speeches of welcome being made by the division staff and other local officers. A musical programme was also carried out. Yesterday morning and afternoon Commissioner Richards spoke to the convention, his subject being "The Seven Lamps." Seven young ladies were dressed to represent the lamps.

The meetings were very lively and interesting and all took place in No. 1 Barracks, Charlotte street. The last evening's meeting more than 400 hundred young people were present and eighty-three came forward for baptism.

STRIKE LEADERS
ARE CONVICTED
Winnipeg, March 28.—Alderman John Queen, William Ivens, W. A. Pritchard, R. J. Johns, and George Armstrong, leaders in Winnipeg's general strike of last summer, Saturday afternoon, were convicted by the assize court jury of seditious conspiracy on account of their actions in connection with the strike. They also were convicted of having committed a common nuisance.

There were scenes of disorder among the crowd in the court room. Through a mistake it went from mouth to mouth that the accused were not guilty. A wild cheer arose. Mr. Justice Metcalfe, in the court, annoyed by the noise, promptly ordered the court to be cleared. A squad of constables with Deputy Sheriff

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A NEW CABINET.

Berlin, March 28.—Formation of a new cabinet for Germany, with Herr Müller as premier and foreign secretary, was announced Saturday. The minister of labor is Herr Schiller, a Socialist, as is the premier. The minister of economics is Herr Schmidt, also a Socialist.

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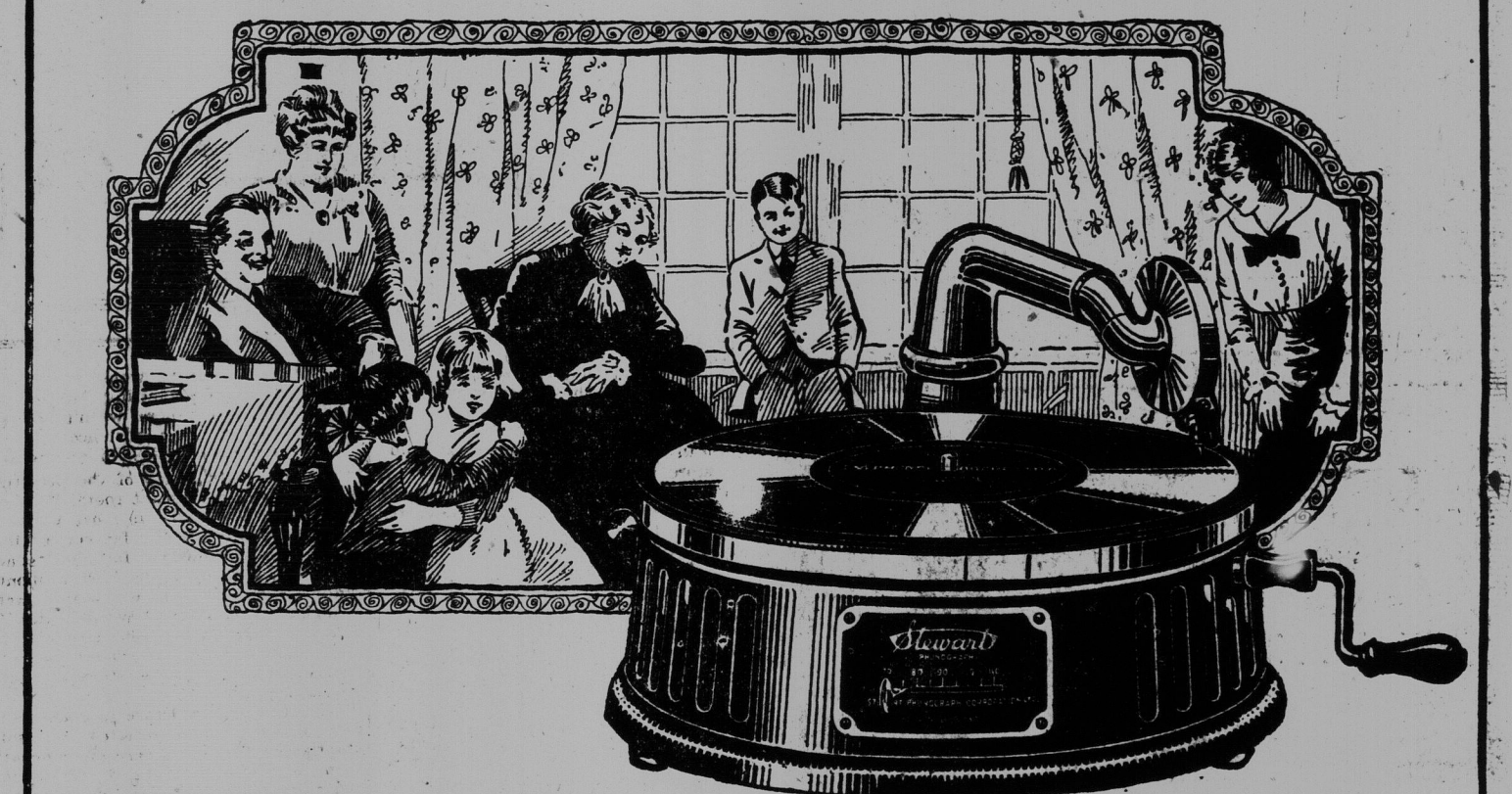
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