

OPENING GUN FIRE

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months, which had seen the British Empire awake, gradually to the true nature of the task before them in the war. "The war is the only business of man, woman and child in Britain to-day," declared the speaker. All classes work together side by side to the common end, that Old England may come out a winner, as they know and feel that upon her victory depends the freedom of mankind. The war will see either the uplift or the downfall of the world's civilization, and they on the uplift side."

Here in Canada, farther from the seat of war, it was not so easy to visualize the great struggle in progress. Yet Mr. Raymond expressed confidence in the spirit of the Dominion, but deplored the apathy and supineness which existed, which must be known and stripped off by the nation. The small attendance at the present meeting was illustration of this spirit of apathy. Perseverance to the end was the only sure road to victory; noisy and effusive patriotism was not essential, and the people of Canada needed only to find the opportunity they sought to exercise their united resolution and determination to win the war. To give during the coming campaign would be to put the "pay" in "patriotic," if we were unable to put the "I" in "fight." We must settle down to the future with the common determination that we must and shall win the war. For France to concede a separate peace, under the present conditions, was impossible for Great Britain, even more so. No matter if she were left to fight the battle alone, she would persevere to the end, as she had fought for 20 years through good reputations and ill repute, through victory and through defeat until Napoleon was conquered. In proportion to the wealth of the empire, the present war was not costing us nearly what the Napoleonic struggle had cost our ancestors.

Mr. Raymond closed his address with an expression of his best wishes for the success of the coming campaign.

Mr. Lloyd Harris, the next speaker of the evening, expressed confidence that the same success would signalize the present campaign of the fund in this city as had in the past. He believed that in order to obtain an insight into the true wartime spirit of the empire, one must go to England, and proceeded to recall a number of most interesting experiences in the Old Land recently. While visiting a convalescent hospital his interest had been aroused in one badly wounded patient, and upon enquiry he learned that the man came from Brantford.

"Tell me," Mr. Harris asked him, "do you know a man there named Lloyd Harris?"

"Certainly," came the response. "I once visited my life. But I never saw him in my life."

Another man Mr. Harris found deeply engrossed in a magazine illustration, depicting the sinking of the steamer Anglia. The picture represented the vessel as sinking with her stern raised and apparently several hundred feet in the air.

"I'm just wondering," said the man upon enquiry, "how I ever jumped from the very stem of that boat. Yes, I was aboard it at the time it was sunk, and only escaped by leaping overboard from the stern. But I never knew it was such an awful jump."

Capt. Jenkins, the Re-Enlistment, lat. chaplain of the 58th battalion, added a number of most interesting reminiscences of his experiences at the front, recalling one occasion where he found a shipment of preserves from his old parish of Wingham.

At this juncture the chief speaker of the evening arrived, and was at once welcomed to the platform.

Sir Herbert Ames.

Sir Herbert Ames' opening remarks dealt briefly with the campaign conducted for the Patriotic Fund in Toronto and other cities recently. He then went on to single out certain of the questions most frequently asked by critics of the fund, and to reply to them in the most logical and clear headed manner, refuting utterly the skepticism prevalent among some concerning the nature of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Is there any need for such a fund?

The speaker went on to point out that there were two classes of men eligible for the army, single men free to enlist without any hindrance, and married men, who required the assurance that the dependents left by them would be adequately cared for. In view of this it was that a separation allowance was made by the government to the wives of enlisted men. Yet this did not make any special provision for the dependents of the soldier. And the difference in classes or for the size of the family, no further discrimination was necessary. Soon after the commencement of the present war it became evident that some sort of auxiliary to act independently of the government was required, and as a free will offering, the Canadian Patriotic Fund was placed upon the loyalty of the people.

Career of the Fund.

And two and one-half years of active operation had won for the fund public confidence by reason of the soundness of its methods, operating kindly and sympathetically, and economically. And each year, with the increasing confidence in the fund, it was becoming easier to raise the money required. The solid hold enjoyed to-day by the Patriotic Fund upon the hearts of the people of Canada was worth more than the ephemeral patriotism which prompted the first contributions.

Was the administration of the fund honest? Business-like? Economical? The fund had been singularly fortunate in the calibre of men who gave of their time almost as though they were enlisted, in its service, and without any remuneration.

ation. The administration expenses of the fund for the entire Dominion, the speaker pointed out, were less than one per cent. of the amount expended.

The Objective.

The fund had witnessed hard times in the past, when the enlistment figures continued to mount higher and higher, and it seemed that the funds could never meet the demands placed upon them. Yet, never had these in charge lost confidence, or doubted that the money required could be obtained. The fund was now administering monthly the sum of \$950,000, and for the present year the objective set was \$12,500,000.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund touched perhaps more people of all classes, than any other such public benefaction. The speaker reviewed

the sums asked from each province of the Dominion for 1917: six million from Ontario, though it was expected to raise over seven million, between three and three and one-half million from Quebec; one half million each in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$800,000 in Alberta, one million and a half in Manitoba and one million each from Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

The Fundamental Principle.

Sir Herbert recalled the circumstances under which Brantford had joined the fund in 1914, when times were hard and it seemed a difficult problem to raise the necessary funds. Indeed, during 1914 and 1915, more money had been advanced to this city and county from the head office than was paid in. But 1916 had witnessed a remarkable change, when Brantford had gone ahead more than

it had been previously behind. Herein lay the fundamental principle of the Patriotic Fund, that every community should raise what it could, and should then draw what it required. If the funds paid into the head office were not sufficient to meet the demand, more would be advanced, but if a municipality were able to raise more than its needs required, it should pay in also.

At the present time Brantford was fifth upon the honor roll of Ontario cities in the matter of contributions per head, to the fund during 1916. She had given \$4.00 per capita. At least \$160,000 was desired in the coming campaign, and heavy though the load was, we should bear it with proud satisfaction, realizing that by so doing, we were aiding districts

less prosperous and less able to pay than this one.

Government Administration.

An argument often advanced was to the effect that the Federal Government should take over the work of the Patriotic Fund. To this, the objections were many and patent. The government of the Dominion was already saddled with the responsibility of raising, feeding, caring for and the transporting of troops recruited in Canada, as well as the pension and separation allowances. Out of the million dollars expended daily, two thirds of the sum went for these war purposes. The slogan of the Patriotic Fund gave all the choice of two alternatives, fight or pay. It would not be fair to send the soldiers to the front and upon their return to force them to contribute through increased Dominion

taxation to the support of their families during the war. That was a sacred duty devolved upon those who remained at home. Hence the Federal Government should not be asked to raise the funds required for this purpose. The most potent reason, however, was the desire that voluntary giving to such benefactions as the Patriotic Fund should not be allowed to die out, but should be maintained. The speaker expressed his opinion that with all its sorrows and horrors the war might yet bring some good in that it could teach the lesson of sacrifice which would be of great benefit to the nation in the construction period to follow the war.

It was reasoned some men would not give to the fund. The speaker ventured the opinion that conscription for the army would never come in Canada, and hence conscription

on finances was equally out of the question. Contributions to the Patriotic Fund must be entirely voluntary.

Brantford had done well in the past, and Sir Herbert hoped for a continuation of the good work. Contributions were still as readily given, but of late it had been difficult to find the workers to conduct the campaigns, owing to so many having before the present enlisted. However those who remained must learn to make the best of it and to carry on the good work as before. If the soldiers could remain at their posts for 52 weeks in the year, all could stand one week of active campaigning here, for the purpose of finding in the tabulation to follow the campaign just cause for pride in the noble part played by Brantford and Brant County in every phase of the present war problems.

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Y.W.C.A. GIRLS AT STRATFORD

Local Team Defeat turn Basketball Experiment

Stratford, Jan. 23.—A much improved form on the part of the first game when the Brantford girls played the Y. W. C. A. basketball team of 16 to 9 on Monday evening to numerous other girls the game was not as well as would otherwise have been. However, those who present enjoyed every minute.

The play was fast and teams were very evenly matched. The Brantford girls were much heavier, but the Stratford girls worked hard every minute and deserved their win.

During the first period Cox, one of the Brantford players, suffered a broken tooth, but continued.

Stratford led off with a net drawing first blood at them two points. Brantford two more on fouls and three, making the half time to 2.

Starting the second half Townsend replaced Elva, the forward line. Three fouls and five on fouls made the score complete and Brantford scored two field baskets and to make up their total.

The game was fast and there was a little heavier experienced than the local team, couldn't find the baskets, have piled up a much larger number of fouls than the better. Their centre, Dore played good basketball for four of their points. On defense line Edna Sutcliffe was able tower of strength and side many times through game.

The teams: Stratford—Centre, Irma forwards, Reta Hill a Youngs; defense, B. Gine Jean Tuthill.

Brantford—Centre, Dore forwards, Edna Sutcliffe and defense, Margaret Cox and Yates.

Mary Townsend, Muriel and Annie Ellis acted as refs for Stratford. Miss Dand refereed.

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