

TO GO MEANS SACRIFICE OF EASE, PERHAPS DEATH; TO STAY MEANS DISHONOR

Canadian Born Are Urged To Enlist In Greater Numbers, At
Patriotic Rally Held in Montreal—Stirring Addresses By
Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Rev. Bruce Taylor, R. C. Smith,
K. C., and Captain Gregor Barclay

(Montreal Mail)
Marked success characterized the patriotic rally in aid of recruiting held in the Windsor Hall last night by the Canadian Club. A crowd of 1500 persons, who filled every seat and thronged the aisles, at times, became wildly enthusiastic as Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, R. C. Smith, K. C., Rev. Dr. Bruce Taylor and Captain Gregor Barclay addressed the audience, calling on Canadian-born men to enlist, and upon mothers and sweethearts to make the sacrifice of sending their sons to the front.

On the platform were two scores of prominent ladies and gentlemen, several of the men being in khaki. The band of the Highlanders rendered patriotic music and talented soloists sang of king and country. It was a "live" meeting, impressive on account of the circumstances, and calculated to arouse to the enlistment point the interest of the young men there. No specific invitation to join any regiment or at any hour was given, so that its concrete results are not yet known.

"To a young man suitable for military service," said Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, "I can imagine nothing that gives greater satisfaction than to bring such a son home as may be had from the Germans, who have brought about this war: violated treaties, ill-treated women and children, desolated homes and destroyed property with the barbaric use of fire and sword that brought this nation of happy, peaceful Belgians to be a people of fugitives and beggars."

Quebec Has Not Given Her Quota

Forty per cent of the men of the first and second contingents came from west of Lake Superior, he said. Forty more were from Ontario, nine from the Maritime provinces, and eleven per cent from Quebec. "This is all wrong. In the good old province of Quebec, we should correct this," and went on to suggest that eight or nine regiments of French-Canadian soldiers should be available from Quebec to fight with their native enthusiasm and bravery with the English. What a glory they would have to fight for the nation giving them their freedom, and at the same time for the country of their forefathers!" He thought the French-Canadian regiments should have a distinctive uniform, patterned on the British and French uniforms, "to symbolize the warm feeling that now exists, and hereafter will exist between the two nations." Canada should send at least 150,000 men to the war.

"I'd like to put into plain, unvarnished English the report the French government has issued regarding the treatment accorded non-combatants by the Germans," said Rev. Dr. Taylor. "If they heard the exact truth, women would no longer keep their boys home from the war." He appealed to hockey and lacrosse teams and sporting organizations to enlist in a body. A great following would give citizens more chance to see them and become enthusiastic regarding their order and discipline.

The Two Sacrifices

Captain George Barclay, who is going to the front in command of the McGill company of infantry, squarely put his proposition to the doctrines of volunteer meant the sacrifice of ease, perhaps death; to stay at home meant the sacrifice of honor. "Better by far to face death on the field of battle than to lose one's soul by shrinking duty."

Dean Adams, president of the Canadian Club, introduced Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, saying he had the most

formal task of all in presenting him to a Montreal audience. When Sir Thomas had consented to act as chairman, Dean Adams had felt good progress had been made toward a successful meeting.

In opening, he referred to the work of the Canadian Club, pointing out that they had done much to bring credit to Montreal in the National Patriotic Fund campaign and that their splendid organization made them specially adapted for this self-task of inducing more men to enlist.

Canada, he said, had done well to send 50,000 men to the front in the first contingent; to have 20,000 more ready to go with the second; and to be preparing to send 20,000 more with the third contingent. Yet comparing populations, she should send 500,000 or 600,000 to do as well as the Mother Country. Nevertheless, he thought "our loyalty no less ardent than that of English, Irish, Scotch, or Welshmen."

There were reasons why Canada was not expected to send as many men proportionately. She is a producing country. He thought 120,000 a reasonable number these to be sent forward in a steady stream.

Declaring that more men from Quebec should enlist, he drew a picture of the French and English soldiers from France and England "fighting side by side for a common purpose and against a common foe." Any man that would interfere between the two races would be "untrue to his race, false to his flag, and unworthy of the name of British citizen."

"We Must Have More Men"

Dealing with Britain's position in the war, Sir Thomas believed "the world knows Britain and the allies had absolute justification for their entrance into the war." That overbearing militarism that has been in evidence for so long must be forever and irreversibly crushed, and the political and social organization of the world must be based on something else than might and force for the good, faith, honor and liberty of our country and for the freedom of the whole world.

"We must have men, and more men," he announced from the house top; cry it in the byways: 'Men and More Men.' The King wants more volunteers." He felt that the call of the Canadian Club for recruits would undoubtedly be answered. It was on account of carelessness, the causes of the conflict and the belief that more men were coming forward than were needed that explained the small enlistment of Canadian-born. The spirit was right, and he felt only the suggestion that they should enlist was needed.

"Today the situation is more hopeful than ever," he said in closing. "Victory is near, and when the men come home victorious—such as do return—let us be careful to bind the wounds of the nation and to care for those who have borne the battle and for their women and children." (Applause.)

R. C. Smith, K. C., at times soared to flights of eloquence; at others he was addressing a jury, enlisting their sympathies and tearing holes with quick insight into the case of his opponent. He first pointed out that the war had a vital interest for Canada in that Germany would have her eye on this country in preference to any part of the globe. He was amused, he said, to hear people talk of Canada having done magnificently in sending a few thousand men to the war. Mr. Smith then dealt with the doctrine of Bernhardi and the other influential German writers, quoting them as saying that: "Of all political evils, that of weakness is the most deplorable; international treaties are only obligations for such time as the state may find them convenient; might is at once the supreme right; the powerful nations which alone have the right



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to live, are justified in provoking war; happy results have followed such wars; England committed the unpardonable sin by not interfering in the United States civil war and thus preventing the union of the two nations.

Have Merited Title of Barbarians.

"These are the doctrines," he said, "which have made possible this crime. God knows the Germans have merited the title of barbarians."

The speaker turned his attention to the so-called German efficiency and culture. He was "a little tired" of hearing so much talk of German leadership. Naturally a nation of 68,000,000 would contribute her share to science; yet the Germans had no Columbus or Cabot to discover continents; no William Harvey to discover the circulation of the blood; no Sir Isaac Newton, no Morse, no Alexander Graham Bell, no Field, no Marconi, no Edison. "And this talk we owe everything to the Germans—it's a lie," he said. He pointed out that the Germans forced the war on Russia when the Czar and the Austrian Emperor had agreed to the settlement of the Serbian trouble. Germany violated Belgian neutrality and was aggressor against France. England was thereby drawn in.

Dr. Taylor Would Be at Front.

The enthusiasm of the meeting reached its highest pitch during the speech of Dr. Taylor. He said a case could be made for the small enlistment of the Canadians, and mapped out Germany's scheme of conquest down from Europe to Persia and India. Canada's relation to Britain was a case of a man living off a wife's private income. Dominion Square was as well fortified as some of the towns in England raided by the Germans.

Referring to the blockade of the British Isles by a fleet shut up in the Kiel canal, he said a few little ten knot boats had been troubled, but those with speed had ignored the blockade. "Confound their sluggishness," he cried. "Never was a fleet so bottled up in history." He did not think Canadians realized the importance of the war, but it has been finished "for our own children's sakes." Each woman had to make it a matter of conscience as to whether she would keep any one home from the front, and he felt that it was ill-considered to explain that it was ill-

health that prevented him from going to the front.

Gregor Barclay, who wore khaki, spoke as a military man. His pride was wounded to see how few Canadians there were in the first two contingents, and hoped that it would be changed in the third. He knew from actual experience that many young men who felt their duty to enlist were staying at home on account of their parents' influence.

"Your country, freedom, honor, violated treaties, the gallant men now fighting at the front, the loyalty of the men of India—all these and more—call you Canadians to enlist," he said.

Those on the platform included Sir Montagu and Lady Allan, Bartlett MacLennan, C. C. Ballentyne, H. B. Ames, M. P. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Doble, Miss Hurbutt, Dean Adams and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Huntley Drummond, Mrs. Bruce Taylor, Miss Helen Reid, Lieut-Col. H. B. Yates, Lieut-Col. G. S. Cantile, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holt, Major W. Bovey, and Mrs. G. H. Duggan.

The artists were—Madame Donalds, who sang "God Save the King," the audience joining in the chorus, and J. Hunt Drummond, who rendered "O Canada" and other songs. W. A. Coates directed the musical part of the meeting.

A. R. Doble, in a short address, explained the origin and aims of the Khaki League and appealed for 10,000 membership fees of \$1 each to help in providing recreation for the soldiers in the rooms opened by the league at 184 Fleet street.

Former Boxer Kills Himself and Girl

New York, March 5.—A pretty young blonde woman who died with Charles St. Clair at a Philadelphia hotel was identified as Mrs. Harry Hall, whose husband is said to be in Waterbury, Conn., dying with consumption. Her maiden name was Edna Potter. She came of a good family of Bridgeport, Conn., and had been living at a hotel here.

The man and woman were found dead in the Windsor Hotel, Philadelphia. The woman was in the bathtub shot

in the forehead. St. Clair was on the floor, and had shot himself in the mouth. The position of the woman's body indicated she had been taking a bath when killed. A doctor thought she had been dead for several hours, but the body of the man was still warm. In the man's hand was clutched this note:

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