

Legion President Stresses Demand For National Unity

Following is the text of the address by retiring President P.A. McLellan at the annual convention of the Provincial Command Canadian Legion, at Montague yesterday:

"Delegates and Comrades:—I most heartily welcome you to this Provincial convention at the beautiful town of Montague. In these pleasant surroundings and with such excellent accommodations, I am quite confident your deliberations will be conscientious and constructive keeping the welfare of our organization and its members as a whole uppermost in our minds and hearts. Let us depart this evening feeling that much has been accomplished toward making this day a memorable one not only for this lovely town but also for our beloved Province.

"It was indeed most inspiring to have with us this morning His Honor Lieutenant Governor Bernard, representing our beloved sovereign, also our faithful Comrade Major Cyrus Macmillan representing the Dominion Command. Gentlemen like these give us encouragement and help us to realize more fully our obligations as citizens of a great Empire where peace and freedom is cherished after being so dearly purchased and to an association which has for its main principles loyalty to our King and Country, unity in a bond of comradeship, faithfulness to our pledges and devotion to a most worthy cause.

"This year 1950 is a memorable one in our history. It is the Legion's Silver Jubilee year. Twenty-five years ago at Winnipeg our Legion came into being and since then its history makes a stirring story of which every Legion member may well be proud. During the immediate post-war period of World War I numerous ex-service men's organizations were started, all having as their main purpose the protection of the rights and welfare of those who had fought, and notwithstanding a common purpose there existed considerable rivalry among the many groups and until 1925 it was indeed difficult to understand why in spite of the high purpose of the objective to be obtained, their efforts were retarded as a result of friction and lack of unity among Veterans as a whole.

Earl Haig's Visit

"On June 28th, 1925, that grand old war-horse, Field Marshal Earl Haig of Bessersyde who commanded the British and Canadian fighting forces in France and Belgium and who was idolized among Canadian veterans, arrived in Ottawa. He presided over a meeting of distinguished group of delegates to the British Empire Service League conference and it was here at this meeting that the first seeds of unity were planted. Lt. Gen. Richard Turner, V.C., who was then President of the great war Veterans Associations handed over the charters and gavel to Earl Haig in the presence of over 3,000 veterans in the great auditorium. His message on that visit was unity, in informal conversation as well as at all meetings. One paragraph of his Ottawa address is surely worth repeating and it will show us how prophetic and inspiring it was for the future.

"I am quite sure that if your different societies come into a single organization, the influence of that single organization for the good of Canadian ex-service men and of Canada will be something far more, far wider and far greater than the aggregate of the influences separately exerted by the existing societies. The whole ex-service movement will be put on a new and higher plane; its prestige will be immensely increased; its membership will grow.

"On November 25th of the same year at Winnipeg after all arrangements were completed through the untiring efforts of Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Turner, V.C., our present organization known as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was born. It united all veterans groups into a powerful and harmonious whole, electing Lt. Gen. Sir Percy Lake as its first National President. These Comrades have all passed to their reward. All honor to them and to the early Legion pioneers whose ideals have inspired our efforts during the past twenty-five years. Names like Currie, LaFleche, Roper, Ross, Foster and many others will ever be held in high esteem by all returned men.

Ominous Signs

"Although our aims are and ever should be, peace and freedom and security, we see again in our time and for the third time in our generation the dense clouds of high explosive rising over defenseless women and children. We see again the ambitions of a dictator plunging what may well be before long the whole world into another bloody conflagration which may in ferocity and slaughter eclipse anything the world has ever witnessed. Today another European dictator is very much concerned about the comfort and contentment of the world's peace loving peoples. His propaganda, sinister and hypocritical, is now world wide. His technique of approach is somewhat different to that of his predecessors.

"His tactics are to infiltrate the lines of the innocent and more or less illiterate peoples, and concentrate his enormous energy to the task of unmasking to the workers of the world what he calls the solidarity of Christianity and the humanity of the so called capitalist system; we see his theories

Communism burrowing under the surface and multiplying until by sheer force of numbers and activity they come out in the open and create an upheaval such as we have seen in his own country and today in the Pacific. Who knows what his plans are for further control? We can hardly say appeasement is the bulwark that will eventually stop his progress. Even Hitler came out in the open at times, but under Communism nobody knows from whom the orders come, not even members of the party, until the orders are being executed.

Appeal For Unity

"You may well ask, Comrades, what has this to do with us? Are we aware to what extent this scheme of things has developed in our own beloved Canada. We are celebrating our Jubilee year in a world of crisis. Our nation although dedicated to freedom has already moved to shoulder her share of the responsibilities which she willingly accepted for the preservation of peace and the guarding of freedom because as it is guarded anywhere in the world it is being guarded at home. Our National Anthem today has a most significant meaning, 'O Canada, we stand on guard for thee'.

"Let us as veterans and loyal Canadians sing it with sincerity realizing that whatever our role may be as the guardians of freedom let us face our duty with strong determination and courage. Let us stand united as never before and give our every effort to our country in her need.

"Today Canada has shown the whole world what her intentions are when her freedom is threatened. Today our comrades are again facing the enemy in the Pacific, to safeguard the principles for which we fought and for which many a brave lad made the supreme sacrifice. Let us meet our duty as we see it united with courage and determination.

"During the month of April I had the honor of representing you my comrades as a member of the Dominion Resolutions Committee in Ottawa. It was a most enjoyable experience and I must say, although we worked hard to complete our duties in the time allotted, it was one of the most enlightening experiences I have ever had. It was a tremendous task. Over 1,100 resolutions were presented for consideration. Not one of these passed without due consideration. Your committee found that in many cases a large number of resolutions endorsed the same principles.

"In such cases the one which covered the matter most appropriately was selected or a new one was drafted embodying the general principles expressed by all. Where we felt that the circumstances surrounding the resolution were not clearly understood the committee endeavored to investigate the matter as thoroughly as possible before reaching a decision.

"The very noticeable advantage of holding this meeting at Ottawa, was the easy access to all files and records and to the members of the Dominion Command staff who devoted much of their time in assisting us. As a result of the thorough manner in which your committee did its duty under the excellent chairmanship of Comrade Joseph Kennedy, Provincial President, New Brunswick Command, the 1,100 resolutions were reduced to 191.

"The unanimous opinion of the committee embodied in a resolution was as follows: '(1) We recommend that a procedure be devised by which resolutions from branches, zones and districts being submitted to Provincial Commands should specifically designate as to whether or not they are for Provincial Convention, Dominion Command action or Dominion Command action, and that Provincial Commands be requested to bring resolutions before their Provincial Conventions in order to express the attitude of the Command in the resolution before forwarding them to the Dominion Command.'

Improved Conditions

"It is indeed most gratifying to all veterans to know that additional and extensive hospital facilities for the accommodation of our disabled and sick comrades are being supplied in our Island hospitals. To the executive personnel who tirelessly advocated these improved conditions and worked so tenaciously to attain such magnificent results we should and must tender our most sincere congratulations and ensure them of our wholehearted encouragement and support. To the Nursing fraternity in these institutions we must tender our deepest gratitude for their devotion to, and care of our comrades who in many cases are prematurely broken in health and perhaps also in spirit. Your Provincial Command was represented upon invitation to most of the opening ceremonies of these institutions.

"We all, I feel sure, experienced a sense of depression when we learned that the Hon. Milton F. Gregg, V.C., was transferred from the Department of Veterans Affairs to another Cabinet post in our Dominion Government. Perhaps no man has ever held the Cabinet position of Minister of Veterans Affairs who effected such an outstanding uplift in the morale of all returned men than he. His efforts were tireless on our behalf, for which we are most grateful, but who are we to say that we should be unwilling to relinquish the services of a great

COMPULSORY TRAINING

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The Communist Menace

"Whereas we are continually being reminded of the dangerous advances being made by the Communist Party in Canada.

"And whereas it has become apparent to the most sceptical that the Communist program is aimed at the destruction of our present way of life and the substitution of a totalitarian state directed by the Communist Party.

"And whereas it appears that no thought has been given to a study of the conditions under which and through which Communism flourishes and spreads so that effective action may be taken to correct these conditions and so stem the advance and control it.

"Therefore be it resolved that the Dominion and Provincial Governments be urged to adopt a realistic and practical approach to this problem as an endeavour to correct first—the conditions in our present system which assist the Communist propaganda and program and secondly—by an effective program of education to teach our people the advantages of our present Canadian life."

Medical Assistance

"Whereas the income of veterans in receipt of War Veterans' Allowance is barely sufficient to enable them to meet the ordinary expenses of living.

"And whereas many of these veterans are faced with medical and hospital expenses of their dependents which they are unable to finance.

"Therefore be it resolved that Dominion Command request the Government to make provision for extraordinary expenses of this nature of veterans in receipt of War Veterans' Allowance."

Pensions Commission

"Whereas under the present provision of the Pensions Act being Chapter 157 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1927 as amended, the Appeal Board of the Pensions Commission is constituted as a final court of appeal in pension applications.

"And whereas these provisions deprive an applicant of his right of appeal before a civil court, which right is one of the basic rights in a democratic state.

"And whereas this right of appeal before a civil court in pension applications is recognized and is an established practice in the United Kingdom.

"Be it therefore resolved that the earliest possible amendment of the said Pensions Act to the intent that pension applicants will be given the right to appeal decisions of the Canadian Pension Commission and of the appeal Board thereof to the proper civil courts of the land."

Employment of Veterans

"Whereas it is a well known fact that there are many non-veterans in the Dominion Government service.

"Be it therefore resolved that the Dominion Government be again urged to adhere more rigidly to the principle of placing qualified war veterans in the Dominion Government Service.

"Whereas most appointments to the Provincial Government service are made without the jobs being advertised.

"And whereas many of these jobs are given to non-veterans when qualified veterans are available and needing employment.

"And whereas the Provincial Legislature unanimously agreed to advertise positions available and to observe the veterans' preference.

"Therefore be it resolved that legislation be passed to make veterans' preference statutory such

comrade to another position where his outstanding ability, his loyalty, honesty and integrity may be more seriously needed. It is regrettable that attention to his duties as a loyal and true Canadian prevents him from attending this Convention as he some time ago expressed his sincere pleasure in looking forward to paying us a visit.

"During the day's proceedings you will be handed copies of the annual reports of our different officers and I am sure you will be pleased to know that our organization is carrying on in this Province in a most successful manner.

"In conclusion I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for the splendid support and full cooperation of the members of the Provincial Executive, our District Commanders and of the officers and members of the many branches throughout the Province. It has been a most enjoyable year for me and I expect, indeed I am quite confident that you will continue the good work with the same courage, determination and common sense and in the same splendid spirit of comradeship and patriotism as did our predecessors in office, supporting your incoming Executive in their efforts, ever upholding our great principles, steadfast in loyalty to our country and always expressing the comradeship and friendship that was so securely cemented in our overseas relations."

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as now exists in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Neurotic Cases

"Whereas the Branches of the Canadian Legion in this Province have repeatedly brought to the attention of the Command, cases where service men have suffered from battle fatigue during a strenuous front line service in World War II. These men were discharged with a lowered category by reason of nervous disability and in many cases have not succeeded in re-establishing themselves owing to their disability.

"And whereas when these cases are submitted to the Canadian Pension Commission the invariable ruling is that the nervous condition is a constitutional one and one that existed pre-enlistment and was not aggravated during service. This decision is given notwithstanding the fact that the man has been shown to have been regarded as a normal young man pre-enlistment and had a good military service, without incident, up to the time of his breaking under battle conditions.

"And whereas this policy of the Pension Commission is in our opinion entirely wrong and not in accordance with the facts and varies from the policy taken by the British Ministry of Pensions where an appeal to the Courts is available to the applicant.

"Resolved that this Command strenuously objects to the policy followed by the Canadian Pension Commission in the cases above referred to and submits that this policy is entirely wrong and causes grave injustice to those ex-service men who have been broken by strenuous active service and whose claims for entitlement for medical treatment and pension for service disabilities are evaded by the Pensions Commission.

"We therefore recommend that immediate action be taken to arrange a revision of policy and a review of all such cases which have been presented to date, and that a Parliamentary committee be appointed to this intent."

Army Benevolent Fund

"Whereas present regulations under which the Army Benevolent Fund operates are such that they enable the provincial employee and the Board to interpret them to the detriment of the veterans applying.

"And whereas branches and persons responsible for initiating applications have reported very small percentages of applications being adjudicated successfully.

"And whereas it is apparent that the regulations are being adhered to strictly to the letter of the law with no personal consideration to the individual veteran applying.

"Therefore be it resolved that consideration be given to the re-drafting of the regulations governing the administration of the Army Benevolent Fund so that this fund can be made more readily available to deserving veterans and their dependents."

Dust Nuisance

"Resolved that the Provincial Government be requested to take action to abate the dust nuisance

in areas served by unpaved roads, especially where such roads pass through more densely populated districts and where there is heavy truck traffic.

"And be it further resolved that such action be taken each year before the commencement of the hot, dry weather.

Road to Cardigan

"This convention of the Canadian Legion assembled in Montague commends the Provincial Government on its announced plan to pave the road leading from the Georgetown Road to Cardigan which paving project was requested by the last Provincial Convention."

Pre-Enlistment Origin

"Whereas many deserving cases for pension have been rejected due to disabilities being termed of 'pre-enlistment origin'.

"And whereas many of such were accepted into the services as Category A for all purposes.

"Therefore be it resolved that a serviceman's category on enlistment be accepted by the Pensions Commission where pensions are being considered."

Other resolutions included the convention's reaffirmation of loyalty to the King and Queen, and greetings to the Governor General and Viscountess Lady Alexander, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bernard, the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Legion branches, and the Dominion President, Lt. Col. Lionel Baxter, O.B.E., V.D. Best wishes for success in his new Department of Labour were extended to Hon. Milton F. Gregg, as Minister of Veterans Affairs, and to Hon. T. W. L. Prowse on his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

TO REPRESENT CANADA

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—(CP)—Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, will leave for Paris tomorrow by plane to represent Canada at the annual meetings of the 47-nation International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The week-long meetings open Sept. 6.

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HM! I WONDER IF THE JEWELS ARE VERY CLOSE TO DIAMONDS? IF THEY'RE TOO CLOSE, I'LL HAVE TO STAND GUARD OVER IT WHEN HE'S BROKE!
WATCH IT DURING THE HOCKEY SEASONS!

OUT OUR WAY
BY J. R. WILLIAMS
I'LL PIN HIS EARS BACK IF THAT EYE TURNS BLACK! PUTTING THAT HALF A BIKE TIRE ON TH' RIM OF THE GARBAGE CAN—THE PAN BOUNCED AND HIT ME RIGHT IN THE EYE!
WELL, I TOLD HIM HE COULD—YOU DO BANG THE PANS PRETTY HARD—LET'S SEE HERE!

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW
By Fago'y & Shorter
STATISTICALLY SPEAKING, JERKIMERS' ALWAYS RIGHT ON DECK AS HEAD OF THE HOUSE—
GOOD MORNING, LADY, I'M TAKING A POLL FOR A BIRD SEED COMPANY. WILL YOU ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS?
JUST A MINUTE, BUD! I DO THE TALKING AROUND THIS SHEBANG! WHADDAYA WANT?
OH, OH! THE LANDLORD! QUICK! YOU GO TO THE DOOR AND STALL HIM! TELL HIM THE GONE TO A FAMILY FUNERAL—TELL HIM I'LL GIVE HIM A CHECK SOON—TELL HIM!

The Neighbors
By George Clark
"Shampoo, permanent—everything, Marie. It'll take that long to tell you the troubles I'm having with my husband."

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