

Programme

OF

PEACE WITH VICTORY CELEBRATION

November 11th, 1918

The Great War broke out on July 24th, 1914.

Bulgaria surrendered, unconditionally, Sept. 30th, 1918.

Turkey surrendered, unconditionally, Oct. 30th, 1918.

Austria surrendered, unconditionally, November 3rd, 1918.

Germany signed an armistice on November 11th, 1918.

"The World is made safe for Democracy."

"He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire." Psalm 46, v. 9.

...PARADE...

- 1. Military under General Shannon and Military Bands.
 Great War Veterans and Band.
- 2. Car Shop men.
- 3. Fire Department and Board of Works.
- 4. Marconi Club and Band-Jewish Flag Committee.
- Red Cross, Nursing Sisters, Arab Patrol, Mocha Temple, London Canton I. O. O. F. No. 1, Victory Loan Committee, Board of Trade.
- 6. Salvation Army and Band, Motor Club, Rotary Club, Canadian Club, Labor Organizations, City Officials, Seventh Band, Victoria Hospital Nurses, City Council, Board of Education, Public Utilities Commission, Public Library Board, Hospital Trust.
- 7. School children, Invalided soldiers, Hussars' Band and Pipe Bands.
- 8. Automobiles and Floats.

ROUTE

Dundas to Richmond: Richmond to Queens: Queens to Wellington: Wellington to Victoria Park.

... PROGRAMME ...

- 1. Doxology.
- 2. Prayer-Rev. Canon Tucker:

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who is like unto Thee? Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. All Thy works are truth and Thy ways judgment and those that walk in pride Thou art able to abase. We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for the immeasured and unnumbered blessings Thou hast so bountifully bestowed upon us throughout the course of the war. We are unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies for we have too often forgotten Thee. Hear Thou from Heaven Thy dwelling place and when Thou hearest forgive. We bless and praise Thy holy name that our people so willingly offered themselves to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty and that we and our allies have been so closely united together throughout these terrible years. Every good and perfect gift cometh from Thee. We praise Thee for the wisdom of our rulers, the skill of our captains, the heroism of our soldiers, sailors and airmen, and the unshaken fortitude of our people even in the darkest hours. We praise Thee for the glorious victories Thou

hast vouchsafed to our arms and for the mighty deliverance Thou hast wrought for the oppressed and downtrodden peoples of the Earth. We praise Thee for the rebuke Thou has given to the lawlessness and outrage. We praise Thee for the wonderful opportunity Thou dost place before us of advancing Thy Kingdom upon earth, in which we implore Thy guidance and help. And we beseech Thee to give us such a sense of Thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we may show forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but with our lives. We pray Thee, of Thine infinite goodness, to strengthen the weak, to comfort the mourners, to release the prisoners, to heal the wounded and the sick, to fold the dying in Thy Fatherly arms and to bring back our loved ones safely to their homes. And we further beseech Thee to make us worthy of these Thy mercies that we may enjoy at Thy hands a righteous and abiding peace and that justice and freedom and brotherhood may henceforth prevail among men. Accept, we humbly beseech Thee, these our prayers and praises, which we offer in the name and for the sake of Him who gave His life for the world and who taught us when we pray to say:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever. Amen.

3. Hymn—"All people that on earth do dwell."

4. Addresses:

Rev. Dr. Peever Mayor Somerville General L. W. Shannon

- 5. Hymn-"O God our help in ages past."
- 6. Hymn-"God save our King."

MAIN FACTS RE GREAT WAR

Among the individual leaders, aside from Foch, whose names stand out most prominently, are Marshal Joffre, who saved France in her darkest days of the summer of 1914; Field-Marshal Haig, the British commander; General Petain, at the head of the French forces; General Diaz, who on the Italian front beat back last summer's great Austrian offensive and later tore the Austrian armies to pieces in a few weeks; General Pershing and General Currie of Canada.

It was late in June, 1914, that the world was stirred by the murder in Sarajevo, Bosnia, of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the Austrian heir-apparent, and his wife. Austria, backed by Germany, accused Serbia of instigation of the crime, and made demands which Serbia accepted in part. Austria would not agree to arbitrate the demands not accepted by Serbia, and the foreign offices in London, Paris and Petrograd failed to swerve Austria from her course.

Austria-Hungary began hostilities on July 27, 1914 by attacking Serbia, and within a week Germany had joined her, while France, Britain and Russia had thrown their forces against Germany and Austria. As the war went on the number of nations involved increased until the conflict became the greatest in the history of the world. Declaring war on France, Germany on August 1, 1914, threw her armies toward France by way of Belgium. Fighting for the maintenance of their neutrality, the Belgians checked the oncoming horde for a time, but within two months the Prussian armies were within a few miles of Paris, from which the French Government had fled.

One of the vital moments of the war had arrived. In a battle of dramatic changes the enemy hordes were thrown back to north of the Marne.

Turkey soon entered the war on the side of Germany, and Italy joined the Allies. Bulgaria came in with Germany, and Serbia and Montenegro were overrun.

On April 6, 1917, the United States, unable to force Germany by peaceful means to conduct her ruthless submarine warfare in keeping with international law, threw her forces into the struggle.

At that time the Imperial Government of Russia had been overthrown, and a provisional democratic government instituted. In Italy the armies of King Victor Immanuel were driving back the Austrians in the Trentino and on the Isonzo. In France, the French and British were hammering at the German lines with little apparent result.

The autumn of 1917 witnessed the defeat of the Italian armies and their retreat to the Piave line. Almost simultaneously American troops appeared on the western front for the first time, while the French and British armies were holding positions of strategic importance from the North Sea to Switzerland. During the winter of 1917-18 American aid became more effective, and Russia dropped out because of the Bolsheviki coup.

Germany, at the beginning of 1918, announced her purpose to end the war by an offensive in France. It was her last mighty effort, and for weeks the world wondered when the enemy hordes would be stopped, The turn in the fighting came on July 18, when Marshal Foch launched the Americans and French in an attack. Since that fateful day for Germany, the Allied armies on all fronts have met with continued success.

Germany's ultimate defeat became more certain as the summer advanced. The first break in the ranks of the central powers came with the defection of Bulgaria late in September. Turkey signed an armistice the last of October, and Austria-Hungary tendered the white flag to Italy on November 4. When hostilities ceased on the eastern fronts Germany attempted to bring about a negotiated peace, but how great was her failure is shown by the fact that her emissaries sought an armistice at Marshal Foch's headquarters. The last act of the great world tragedy is to follow.

LONDON'S SONS HAVE TAKEN A NOBLE PART IN MANY BATTLES AMONG WHICH ARE:

Langemarck Festubert Ypres Givenchy Weltije St. Eloi Hill 70 Vimy Ridge Passchendale Cambrai Drocourt-Oueant Mons

SOME OF THE REGIMENTS ORGANIZED HERE:

1st. Battalion	135th. Battalion	C. M. R.
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70th Battalion		

A careful estimate of money raised in London by voluntary giving and municipal taxation for patriotic and war purposes since the war started amounts to more than two and a half million dollars.

Victory Loan subscriptions amounted to upwards of fifteen million dollars.

Upwards of three hundred and fifty of our gallant citizens paid the supreme sacrifice in defence of the Empire they so much loved. Steps will be taken later to perpetuate the memory of their heroic action.

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