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## Entertainment For Khaki Club Children

Entertainment of a high class order was provided for the children of the Khaki club at the home, 221 Wellington Crescent, Thursday, Feb. 20th, by the joint Veterans' Choral Commemoration Service Ladies' committee, representing the Army and Navy, Imperial and Great War Veterans' associations. The artists contributing were: Miss Olive Brooks, song; Miss Ethel Webber, Lizzie McDonald and Edith Martin and Donald Fraser, dancing; Misses Peggy McDonald and Mabel Houston, recitations, and Piper Neil Sutherland.

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### FROM BERNARD BOSANQUET

Knowledge must heal the wounds that knowledge makes. A citizen is a man who knows how to govern and how to be governed. Science is the reference of parts to a whole. A master is not free until his slave is free. A landsman at sea feels a fear unknown to the sailor, because surrounding perils are new and unfamiliar. We need a courage against pleasures as well as against pains. Natural courage is not virtue, but an excellent basis for virtue. An ideal too good for human nature is bad for it. Will is the man in action: will is no separate entity.

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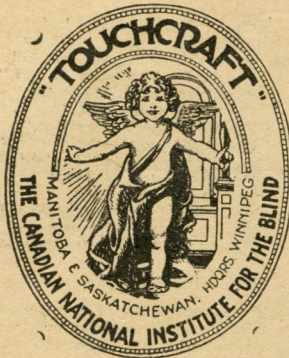
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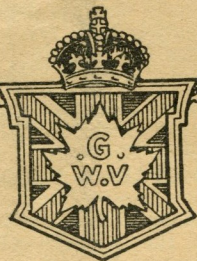
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## Seventh 'Annual' Convention, Manitoba Command A Great Success

**I**F the elements of a successful convention compose increase in membership, and delegates in attendance, coupled with added efforts on the part of all committees, as shown in the work accomplished during the year, then it can be said that from the point of view of progress that the Seventh Annual Convention of the Manitoba Command was the most progressive in our history.

Sixty delegates were present, exclusive of fraternal representatives from our own and other veteran organizations, and a fine spirit of co-operation prevailed all through the proceedings. There was a distinct absence of any disposition to bicker over fine points and technicalities, and an earnest desire to do the best possible for the Association as a whole, and for its great principles.

The Convention was held in the London Block and got away to a good start shortly after 10 a.m., Feb. 11th, and closed at 6.30 on the 13th; packing in three days a good deal of constructive work, and a pleasant round of social events.

Following the "Silent Tribute" to the dead, short addresses of welcome were delivered by the Honorable John Bracken, Premier; General H. D. B. Ketchen; Mrs. R. A. Rogers, M.L.A.; Major F. G. Taylor, M.L.A.; and Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, I.O.D.E.

Fraternal greetings were presented by representatives of the following organizations: Naval Veterans, Imperial Veterans, Army and Navy Veterans, Amputations' Association, Tubercular Veterans, Grand Army of United Veterans, the Red Cross, and by Major McPherson, representing

the Saskatchewan Command, G.W. V.A.

Comrade A. Irwin, a past Provincial President, also expressed his personal wishes for the success of the assembly.

Every effort was made by the Entertainment Committee to provide for the leisure hours. As in past years the Ladies' Auxiliary provided a splendid luncheon to the delegates which was served in the assembly hall. The ladies were also hostesses at the whist drive and dance held on the night of the 11th. Thursday evening the delegates were the guests of the city of Winnipeg at a banquet in the Marlborough Hotel, which was followed by a theatre party to the "Originals" in "Stepping Down," at the Walker Theatre. On Friday the Winnipeg Branch entertained at a smoking concert, the programme being thoroughly enjoyed. At this event Past President E. E. Spencer made the presentation of the framed group photos to the Winnipeg Branch Football Team, which had so greatly distinguished itself in the past season. The St. Vital Branch Glee Club paid a surprise visit to the smoking concert and this talented band was accorded repeated encores.

The main resolutions adopted, together with other reports are published in this issue. Of course the main objective is to secure the passage of the legislation adopted by the Commons at last session, and rejected by the Senate, and for other recommendations of the Ralston Commission, which have not yet had consideration by Parliament.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Comrades:

It is gratifying to see such a representative gathering of delegates.

Your Executive trust that from the committee reports which will be submitted to you, together with the report of your secretary, it will be found the duties of this Command office during the recess from the last Convention have been diligently performed, and that the trust reposed in us by the last Convention has been faithfully discharged.

Apart from the regular administration of the Command, members of the Executive have, with as little expense to the Command as possible, interested themselves in the revival of branches, which for numerous reasons, had failed to function. There have been gratifying results. Manitou Branch was re-organized last summer and is represented at this Convention. Pilot Mound has been visited and promises to be an active branch, as do other branches to which reference is made in the report of the membership committee.

The organization has increased its membership at least 10 per cent. in the past year. We might ask for a reason, and the answer is undoubtedly this; the unselfish spirit of service which characterizes our efforts, and the diligent care of the interests of the dependents and disabled, together with untiring efforts to protect their needs. This merits the support of the returned men and is receiving recognition by them, as made manifest in our new membership.

Our measure of satisfaction is



found in that we have the sympathy, the confidence and the respect of the public generally for our objects, and in our efforts to accomplish them.

The social side of the organization has found expression through your Command office in the concert party which has with such great success toured a large part of the province, as well as the territory in Western Ontario, which has been added to our jurisdiction. Of this concert party we may feel justly proud, as reports from all points where they have visited express the highest appreciation for the class of entertainment produced by them. Excellent results may be expected and social ties where this party brings together citizens and returned men for a social evening.

I feel that I should not let the opportunity pass of expressing my gratification upon the advance made by branches under this Command in the realm of sport during the past year. It is particularly pleasing to learn that the Winnipeg Branch Football Club succeeded in winning the championship of the Second Division, Winnipeg and District Football League, thus qualifying for promotion during the next season, and also were the winners of the Lewis Cup, which is now in the possession of the Association.

Strong activity has also been shown in Winnipeg in billiards, lawn bowling, carpet bowling and other sports, and the efforts of the participants have redounded much to the credit of the organization as a whole. It is pleasing to learn that in the Ten Pin Bowling League, entered into by the Winnipeg Branch, in the Mercantile League, it finished the series in second place and will be eligible for the final play-off this spring.

Reports indicate that branches throughout the province, and particularly in the city of Brandon, are taking a strong interest in sports and I can only personally express my belief that much good to the Association as a whole can be accomplished in this manner, and on behalf of the Command, I can assure branches of every possible support.

You will find much to occupy your attention during the Convention, and whilst an extensive social programme has been arranged, it is hoped that those questions which call for consideration will be dealt with by you with wisdom and diligence, so that from your efforts the result of this Convention may have the widest possible influence for the good of those whom we serve and that we may continue to command the respect and confidence of the public, whose sympathetic support we must at all times enjoy.

On behalf of the Executive I thank the branches throughout the province for their support of the Provincial Command during the past year. Also to voice our appreciation for the sympathetic interest and courteous treatment enjoyed by the Command office in its relationship to government and municipal authorities, and the press for its generous support. I personally thank the members of the Executive, and our very faithful secretary for the spirit of co-operation

which prevailed in our meetings and accounts for the marked progress of the Association in the province during the term now closing.

May I, in closing, express the hope that you, attending this Convention as delegates of your several branches, will individually observe with keen interest the proceedings here in such a manner that you may fit yourselves to take back a real inspiration to your local branch, which can only result in more unity of effort and extensive service to those who are depending on our organization to a far larger extent than we are perhaps conscious of the widow, orphan, disabled and dependent.

ELI E. SPENCER.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the President, Executive and Members of the G.W.V.A., Provincial Command of Manitoba.

Comrades:

Your Provincial Secretary presents herewith a report on the progress of the Command and the work for the year 1924.

**Personnel:** The personnel, officers and Executive of the Command elected at the last Provincial Convention was as follows: President, Comrade E. E. Spencer, Morden; 1st vice-president, Comrade J. V. Johnston, Winnipeg; 2nd vice-president, Comrade A. Cairns, Brandon; Dom. Executive representatives, Comrade J. W. Baldock, Brandon.

**Executive:** Comrade A. E. Moore (past president), Comrade P. G. Rumer, Winnipeg; Comrade H. P. Blackwood, Winnipeg; Comrade E. F. Neilson, Winnipeg; Comrade J. Law, Transcona; Comrade F. T. Bean, Starbuck; Comrade C. G. Whitehurst, Kenora; Comrade W. Piper, Sprague; Comrade Alf. Day, Roblin; Comrade C. E. Isaacs, Port Arthur.

**Supernumeraries:** Comrade H. J. Anderson, Winnipeg; Comrade C. J. Morrison, St. Vital; Comrade C. H. Vincent, Carberry; Comrade F. Scrase, Dauphin.

**Committees:** The following committees were appointed at a meeting of the Executive held March 1st, 1924.

**Agricultural Committee:** Comrade F. T. Bean (chairman), Comrade Alf Day, Comrade W. A. Piper, Comrade H. P. Blackwood (advisory).

**Finance Committee:** Comrade E. E. Spencer (chairman), Comrade E. F. Neilson, Comrade P. G. Rumer.

**Membership Committee:** Comrade A. E. Moore (chairman), Comrade J. W. Baldock, Comrade C. G. Whitehurst, Comrade W. A. Piper, Comrade E. F. Neilson.

**Publicity Committee:** Comrade P. G. Rumer, Comrade W. Taylor, Comrade A. Cairns, Comrade C. E. Isaacs, Comrade J. V. Johnston, Comrade E. F. Neilson.

**Changes and Resignations in the Executive:** At the Executive meeting of July 20th the resignation of Comrade James Law from the Executive of the Command was accepted by the Executive. In December Comrade Day, of Roblin, left to take a position

in England and tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Executive at their meeting on December 21st. Comrades H. J. Anderson and F. Scrase were then called to fill the vacancies.

**Executive Meetings:** Full meetings of the Executive were held on the following dates: March 1st, 1924, July 20th, 1924; December 21st, 1924; February 10th, 1925.

Resident Members' Committ met on the following dates: March 29th, 1924; April 14th, 1924; June 27th, 1924; July 13th, 1924; July 18th, 1924; September 2nd, 1924; September 16th, 1924; September 22nd, 1924; October 28th, 1924; November 3rd, 1924; January 12th, 1925.

**Attendance Report:** Number of Executive meetings held, four; number of resident members meetings, twelve.

**Organization:** Considerable organizing work was done by members of the Executive and by your secretary since the last Convention, resulting in the re-organization of five branches. Details in connection with this work will be presented by the chairman of the Membership Committee, but it should here be mentioned that Comrades Baldock, Cairns, Johnston, Rumer, the president, Comrade Spencer, and your secretary, have had the privilege of visiting 18 country branches during the past year. It is interesting to note the very hearty reception accorded by all branches to the Manitoba Command Concert Party, which has visited twenty towns since December 1st under the direction of the Command. This company of musicians has already proved its value as an organizing agency, and it is to be hoped that their tours will be continued.

**Work of the Provincial Executive:** Probably the most important meeting of the year was held in July at the time the Senate rejected or mutilated the bills passed by the Commons. After a session lasting from morning until late at night the following statement was handed to the press by the Publicity Committee, and this statement clearly reflects the attitude of the Executive:

"At a meeting of the Provincial Executive, G.W.V.A., held yesterday, the action of the Senate in killing the Canteen Funds Bill and destroying in effect the Pension Amendments, received serious consideration. The news came as a shock to the officials of the Association who have labored for several years to bring into effect the much needed legislation recommended by the Royal Commission, and adopted by the Parliamentary Committee, and approved by the Commons for the relief of many thousands of war victims.

"The action of the Senate, coming as it does immediately following the recent assurances given by the Government, strikes a cruel blow to those unfortunate individuals for whose benefit, as clearly expressed by the will of the people through their duly elected representatives, the legislation was intended. The Executive are authoritatively informed that not only did the Senate arbitrarily and with-



out any attempt at investigation, kill the legislation, but subsequently did not see fit to participate in a conference proposed by the House of Commons on 'such a bill.'

"Following upon a similar experience last session, the G.W.V.A. is forced to the conclusion that our present system of government is not consistent with the principles of democracy for which so many of our comrades laid down their lives, so many were maimed, and so many dependents were left in distress.

"The G.W.V.A. has no intention of relinquishing the fight for this legislation and will continue its efforts even to the extent of embarking upon a nation-wide campaign for a drastic reform of the Senate, and will affiliate itself with the many other sections of the suffering public who hold similar views. The G.W.V.A. is of the opinion that the time has now passed when legislation expressing the undoubted will of the people can be made subject to the autocratic veto of an un-elective and unnecessary body. It is anticipated that the question of Senate reform will now become a vital question with the veteran organizations, and the public will be asked for their support."

The Honorable Robert Rogers, who has from time to time assisted your executive in arranging meetings with the Senate and others, kindly arranged for members of your Command to meet Sir James Loughheed, leader of the Conservative party in the Senate, and on September 21st Comrades Johnston, Rumer, Bowler and your secretary met Sir James at the Royal Alexander Hotel. Senator Loughheed excused the action of the Senate on the grounds that the legislation had not been brought to the Senate in

time. After members of the delegation had briefly pointed out to him the need for the legislation and has discussed certain points of the Pension Act with him, he promised his support at the next session.

Delegates from the Provincial Command also interviewed Sir Arthur Meighan and Premier McKenzie King during the course of the year. Mr. Meighan admitted that certain matters brought to his attention by the delegation were new to him, particularly in reference to the jurisdiction of the Appeal Board, but he justified the Senate in its action by offering the same reason as Sir James Loughheed. Premier McKenzie King was not willing to commit himself on any of the points raised, in the absence of Dr. Beland, Minister of the D.S.C.R., but he did not hesitate to state that his Government would introduce a policy of Senate reform. He pointed out that the Government had passed the legislation unanimously but that the Senate had seen fit to amend or destroy it. No doubt these interviews will bear fruit at the present session of Parliament.

**Royal Commission.**—The fifth and final report of the Royal Commission was abled in the Commons since our last Provincial Convention. This report contains more than twenty-six definite recommendations for the benefit of disabled veterans and dependants, and there form the basis of our legislative programme for 1925.

**Poppy Day Campaign.**—The Poppy Day Campaign was conducted by Comrades E. F. Neilson, J. V. Johnston, and your secretary. The committee introduced Poppy Day to the pupils of all schools in the province. In this work the committee was assisted by the Honorable Chas Cannon,

Minister of Education, and by the superintendent and staff of the Winnipeg School Board. A special programme was drawn up and sent out in pamphlet form to cover two thousand school teachers in the province. The results were very gratifying, the committee disposing of over 135,000 poppies to schools and branches in Manitoba. A full report in detail has been submitted to the Provincial Executive and will be brought to your attention in the Finance Committee report.

**Personal Service Bureau.**—As in previous years the Provincial Command has continued its work as a service bureau for all veterans and dependents. It is now six and a half years since the conclusion of hostilities but the Command office is still called upon to deal with new applicants for pensions and treatment, vocational training, war service gratuity, and many other similar claims. The work has been lessened by the appointment of the Soldier Adviser, but the Command still has some 1,500 current files and during the past year over 5,000 letters have been mailed in connection therewith, while personal interviews have averaged ten a day. Adjustments obtained for ex-service men and dependents have reached the splendid sum of \$32,628.00, and it is well to remember that in addition to this amount, which was actually paid to the applicants, the various municipalities and the Provincial Government have benefited proportionately. For example, as a direct result of adjustments secured through the medium of the G.W.V.A. Provincial Command, in conjunction with the Soldier Adviser, the sum of

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### OUR TASK AT THIS SESSION

At the Manitoba Provincial Convention of the G.W.V.A. stress was laid on the necessity of providing for the re-introduction of the defeated Pension Amendments, together with the recommendations contained in the fifth report of the Ralston Commission, at the earliest possible date during the present session of the Federal House.

It was the general opinion that this legislation contained the most vital pallatives for the relief of the disabled and dependant, and that the efforts of the G.W.V.A. and Veteran bodies generally should be concentrated on their early consummation.

The incorporation of the bonus as a permanent part of the pension is an outstanding measure, which will relieve the anxiety of the many hundreds; and the loss of which would be followed by acute distress. This bill has already passed the House of Commons and now requires only the sanction of the Senate to make it law.

Other amendments to the Pensions Act, which will straighten out existing anomalies,

obviously never intended in the original drafting of the act, must also be dealt with.

Amendments to the Soldier Settlement Act, aiming to relieve the distress due to post war conditions, and war prices, with the consequent failure of the settler to meet his obligations, is another measure long overdue.

The extension of the powers of the Federal Appeals Board is not the least important matter for amending legislation. At present the Board is prevented from the exercise of functions which its very name and composition call for. These powers, such as hearing additional evidence, and of calling any witnesses who may throw any further light on the applicant's claim, are absolutely essential if the applicant is to obtain a square deal. Such powers indeed have always been exercised by similar boards in both Great Britain and the United States.

These questions and many more call for the earnest effort of all veteran organizations, and the co-operation of all will find reflection in the gratitude of those we seek to serve.

### THE CANTEEN FUNDS BILL

THE BILL providing for the distribution of the Canteen Funds, will, in all probability be passed at this session.

The legislation provides for a pro rata distribution of the funds by provinces, and will be placed in charge of trustees (unpaid), who will be appointed by the representative veteran organizations.

The bill is strongly supported by ex-service men generally; as affording as fair and equitable a distribution as can be devised.

No scheme is possible that will please all veterans, but the bill as it stands will give the returned men of each province a voice in its disposition.

We trust no objections will be raised by small groups of ex-service men who, with the best of intentions, will only succeed in indefinitely delaying the release of the funds.

It is noticeable that so far, the main objections to the provisions of the bill, come from gentlemen who had no personal concern in the canteens, were not purchasers, and consequently not shareholders.

The question is one for the contributing ex-soldiers alone, and the logical expression of their views is through the combined veteran organizations, all of whom have approved the bill.

### SOLDIER SETTLERS NOT SOLD OUT—A CORRECTION

In our January issue we published a statement by Dr. J. A. Hunter, of the Teulon district, setting out the conditions of our comrades on the land in that vicinity. The doctor stated that a number of soldier settlers were being sold out.

The interview was given to the daily press, and we reproduced it in good faith, as coming from one with

a considerable standing in his community.

It appears that the facts, however, had reference to defaulters under the Rural Credit System, and the doctor wrote to the press some days later to this effect. We regret we did not notice the correction, which was only brought to our attention during the Manitoba Provincial convention.

We might add that the columns of the Manitoba Veteran are always

open for discussion of the difficulties of our Soldier Settler comrades, and to the Soldier Settlement Board.

It is expected that legislation for the relief of settlers will be passed at this session of the House, and we feel assured that the Soldier Settlement Board will give every assistance toward relieving a situation which is becoming impossible for many of the soldier settlers, who bought their land and equipment at a time when prices were at the peak.



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approximately \$5,000.00 has been paid to the city of Winnipeg by the Federal Government to adjust hospital accounts previously held against individuals. Inasmuch as collection from the individuals concerned could not be, and was not expected, this money represents a direct gain to the city. Then again, every claim for pension established on behalf of men who are out of work or who may find themselves in that unhappy position, transfers the responsibility for the man and his family from the civic authorities to the federal authorities, where, in the case of the disabled, it rightfully belongs. The Provincial Government has also benefited by the efforts of the Command, particularly in respect to the Mothers' Allowance Act. Every widow's claim successfully established means a direct saving to the Mothers' Allowance appropriation. In this respect one adjustment alone refunded to the government an amount almost equal to the grant received by the Command from the Provincial Government last year. Mention should also be made of the many cases, as from time to time found necessary, which have been passed by the Command to the Soldier Adviser. These number more than two hundred, of which a considerable number have already been adjusted. Approximately \$15,000.00 has been recovered as a result of successful appeals of Command cases to the Federal Appeal Board. The Command has assisted the Soldier Adviser to the fullest possible degree in the preparation and presentation of all these cases, and has not deemed its duty complete until final disposition has been made. It will be seen, therefore, that the grand total of adjustments directly or indirectly obtained by the Command in this way amounts to \$47,688.00.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance rendered by the various Ladies' Auxiliaries throughout the province, and in particular the ladies of the Winnipeg Branch, who have always been ready to visit out-of-town comrades in hospital, and have also assisted officials of the civic departments, the Red Cross and the D.S.C.R. is also gratefully acknowledged.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the president, and to all members of the executive for their help during the past year, and also to branch secretaries in all parts of the province, who have given their loyal support whenever called upon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. YETMAN.

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee, composed of the following members, Comrades A. E.

Moore, J. W. Baldock, C. G. Whitehurst, W. A. Piper, E. F. Neilson, beg to report as follows:

During the year ending December 31st, 1924, forty-one branches in this province paid per capita tax, and of this number thirty are in good standing at this date.

As was mentioned in the report of your membership committee for 1923, an important phase of the Veteran movement in the province is the number of Veteran clubs which are functioning and are not affiliated with this, or any other organization. Your committee has a list of such clubs, and would recommend that every effort be made to bring these into the Association during the ensuing year.

Last year nine branches from Western Ontario were brought under the jurisdiction of this Command, and your committee regrets to report that three of these branches are already in arrears of per capita tax.

Two new charters to branches of this Association, situated at Selkirk and Elmwood, were issued during the year, this bringing the total number of charters issued in this province up to 80. As already stated, 41 branches have paid per capita tax during the past year, which shows that the command is only receiving revenue from approximately 50 per cent. of the branches under its jurisdiction.

In compliance with the recommendations contained in the membership committee report for last year—"that steps be taken to revive some 25 branches in the province which were apparently dead, and failing this to have their charters recalled"—several members of the provincial executive have visited certain of these branches during the summer with various degrees of success, as is shown in the following list of branches visited: Pilot Mound, Elmwood, Gladstone, Sperling, Souris, Morris, Beausejour, Roland, Carman, Selkirk, Kenora, Sprague, Port Arthur, Wawanesa, Giroux, Argyle, Manitou, Somerset.

In addition, it might be mentioned that the G.W.V.A. concert party is doing good work throughout the province as an organizing agency.

**Per Capita Tax:** Payments of per capita tax show a decided improvement, and indicates an increase in paid-up membership of approximately 10 per cent.

Your committee is of the opinion that a great deal has been accomplished during the year and that the present membership and benefits accruing from such will be lasting, as the returned men in most communities are more settled and appear to be gradually taking their place in the more important affairs of the community.

We would, therefore, recommend that the policy, as adopted last year, be continued, and that members of the incoming executive be allotted certain branches to visit and be responsible for the organization of these branches during their tenure of office, as we feel that personal supervision by the Provincial Command is of far greater benefit and much more effective than any amount of paper propaganda.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Comrade J. W. BALDOCK,  
Chairman.

Comrade A. E. MOORE,  
Comrade A. W. PIPER,  
Comrade C. G. WHITEHURST,  
Comrade E. F. NEILSON.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President and Comrades:

The Legislative Committee of the Command beg to submit the following survey of legislative matters affecting the interests of the Association during the past year. A discussion of these matters naturally falls under two headings: first, Federal Legislation; second, Provincial Legislation.

**Federal Legislation:** It is a matter of regret that very little advance was made on this question at the last session of the Federal Parliament. It is perhaps not generally known that a special committee of the House of Commons was appointed to consider the recommendations of the Ralston Commission Report and to hear evidence on behalf of ex-service men. The entire programme of legislation was presented to the committee by Comrade C. G. MacNeil, Dominion Secretary, in a most able manner, and as a result of the committee's enquiries a bill was passed by the House of Commons containing almost without exception the principles contended for by this Association. It is now a matter of history that the bill concerned was fatally mutilated upon reaching the Senate, and despite efforts to bring about a conference between the House of Commons and the Senate, the Senate amendments were allowed to stand. The principle points involved in the legislation are the following:

(1) **Permanency of the Bonus:** This was recommended by the parliamentary committee and passed by the House of Commons. The Senate amendment, however, simply extended the bonus for a further period of one year, so that as the matter stands at present the bonus will automatically expire on the 31st of August, 1925.

(2) **The Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Federal Appeal Board,** to include cases other than attributability. This highly important measure, which has behind it the recommendation of the Ralston Commission and the approval of the House of Commons, still remains unaccomplished, due to the Senate amendments.

(3) **The Proposed Amendment to Section 3 of the Pension Act** concerning pension to widows married after the appearance of the disability resulting in death. The principle of the amendment proposed by this Association has on three successive occasions been approved by the House of Commons and also has behind it the recommendation of the Ralston Commission, but as is the case with the legislation referred to above, has been refused recognition by the Senate.

It should hereby be pointed out that a large number of other important measures recommended by the Ralston Commission in its fifth and



final report have not yet been put into effect, and the Association should not relax in its efforts towards this end.

The amendments to the Pension Act actually accomplished at the last session of Parliament may be summarized as follows:

- (1) An amendment providing that the Pension Board shall on request provide a statement in writing over the signature of the Commissioner's dealing with the case, showing the ground upon which an award is refused.
- (2) An amendment clarifying the Statutory Bar in respect to new applications for pension.
- (3) An amendment concerning payment of pension to pensioners under arrest.
- (4) An amendment concerning payment of pension to cases considered specially meritorious, but otherwise ineligible.
- (5) An amendment concerning retroactivation.
- (6) An amendment concerning pension to dependent parents.
- (7) An amendment providing for payment of pension to the dependents of a deceased pensioner for a period of one month pending consideration of the claim.
- (8) An amendment permitting reinstatement of pension to a widow who has remarried, but who within five years after remarriage again becomes widowed, and is left in a dependent condition.
- (9) An amendment providing for the extension of the time for filing appeals for a period of one year.
- (10) An amendment concerning the form judgments delivered by the Federal Appeal Board.

In respect to more vital matters referred to above and still unaccomplished, your committee observed that resolutions will be brought before this Convention reaffirming the stand taken on previous occasions and providing for the presentation of a petition calling upon the government to re-introduce the rejected legislation at an early date during the present session.

The committee would be remiss if it failed to extend recognition to the Winnipeg Branch, G.W.V.A., for its splendid and unselfish efforts towards bringing into effect the required legislation. At the last session of Parliament, the Winnipeg Branch, entirely at its own expense, sent two of its officers, namely, Comrades Moore and Rumer, to Ottawa with a view to furthering the efforts of Comrade MacNeil and willingly consented that these comrades should represent not only the Winnipeg Branch, but should also carry the status of representatives from the Provincial Command.

**Provincial Legislation:** It is pleasing to report that the efforts of the Command in this channel have met very largely with success. The enactments in respect to which the Command is particularly interested are:

- (1) The War Relief Act,
- (2) The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act.

**War Relief Act:** As a result of the representations made during the

last session of the Provincial Legislature the War Relief Act was amended so that it remains in effect until repealed. Other amendments of a less important nature were also secured. The committee notes that a resolution is to be introduced to this Convention providing that should any attempt be made to repeal or modify the War Relief Act during the present session, any such attempt is to be opposed by the Provincial Command. The committee concurs in this suggestion.

**Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act:** The committee is pleased to report that amendments proposed by it last year with a view to clarifying certain definitions were accepted by the government and became law. The result was that many cases previously barred immediately gained recognition. It has been found, however, during the past year that there is need for further clarification as to the parties entitled to the benefits of the Act. The committee believes that the Act was intended to grant relief to all disabled ex-service men, and the dependents of deceased or disabled ex-service men in respect to their homes. It has come to the knowledge of the committee during the past year that despite the care exercised during preceding years there are still a number of bona fide dependents who cannot receive the benefits of the Act. The committee, therefore, have suggested an amendment providing that the relief shall be extended to all persons recognized by the Board of Pension Commissioners or the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the British Ministry of Pensions dependents, and it believes that this amendment, if accepted, will eliminate discrimination in future. The committee would add that this proposal has been discussed with, and has received the approval, of the Legislative Committee of the Army & Navy Veterans in Canada.

A resolution covering the point in question will, it is understood, be brought before this Convention for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 12, 1925.

## RESOLUTIONS 7TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, 1925

### Pensions (All Branches)

WHEREAS this Association has for several years past unanimously placed itself on record as agreeing that the present temporary bonus on the support of all other Veteran or pensions should be incorporated as a permanent part of the basic pension rate, and

WHEREAS the G.W.V.A. has with the support of all other veteran organizations, presented from time to time its views on this question to the Royal Commission and through the medium of the Parliamentary Committee to Parliament, and

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Committee of 1923-4 Session after hearing representations made to it, and after considering the findings of the Ralston Commission and after investigating all facts pertaining to the permanency of the bonus unimously

recommended to Parliament that the bonus should be incorporated as part of the permanent pension, and

WHEREAS the House of Commons, after further consideration of the recommendations of the Committee, passed a Bill providing for such recommendations to be carried into effect, and

WHEREAS the said Bill upon being considered by the Senate, was mutilated so as to destroy the intent of the House of Commons and under the present provisions of the Act the said bonus will expire on the 1st day of September, 1925, and

WHEREAS this Association believes that the amendment introduced upon the initiative of the Senate is contrary to the will of the people of Canada, and is contrary to the best interests of the disabled ex-service men and the dependents of deceased soldiers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Manitoba Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, having regard to the foregoing do emphatically place ourselves on record as requesting the passage of such legislation both by the House of Commons and the Senate at the present session as will insure the incorporation of the said bonus as part of the permanent pension to disabled ex-service men and dependents of deceased ex-service men in accordance with the expressed will of the people of Canada through their duly elected representatives.

### Pensions: (Winnipeg Branch)

Be it resolved that Section 11 of the Pension Act be amended, further to the 1923 amendment, so as to provide for payment of pension to dependents (if otherwise eligible) in all cases where death is the result of a disability aggravated by or during service.

### 3. Pensions (Winnipeg Branch)

WHEREAS the Royal Commission on Pensions in its report recommended that the decision of the Federal Appeal Board should be final, provided, however, that where subsequently evidence of a convincing nature should be produced a re-appeal should be allowed, and,

WHEREAS at the instance of the Senate this right was deleted from the amendments proposed at the Session of Parliament and approved by the Commons, and

WHEREAS the difficulty and uncertainty in procuring evidence as to the origin or continuity of war service disabilities is well known and in many cases the evidence in support of a pension claim must necessarily be incomplete, and,

WHEREAS it is manifestly unjust to deny the right of a further hearing should the evidence subsequently become available,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Manitoba Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, do hereby go on record as requesting the Federal Parliament to re-enact without delay the provision referred to in the first paragraph hereof.

### 4. Pensions

WHEREAS it is provided by the provisions of the Pension Act that appeals shall lie to the Federal Appeal Board only upon the same evi-



dence and record upon which the Board of Pension Commissioners gave their decision, and

WHEREAS this has been construed in practice to mean that no evidence even that of the applicant himself, can be taken by the Appeal Board, who are confined solely to the documentary evidence on file, thus rendering the appearance of the applicant or any other person of no avail, except for the purpose of argument,

AND, WHEREAS it is pointed out that the Board of Pension Commissioners through the medium of the District Offices, have the opportunity to hear, and invariably do hear, the viva voce testimony of the applicant himself and frequently that of other witnesses, which testimony, however, is not recorded in extenso on the file, but is usually summarized by some other person; further, that the Board of Pension Commissioners frequently act upon the hearsay evidence of third parties, which is not taken under oath and which is not fully recorded on the file; and, further, that the Board of Pension Commissioners are enabled to take evidence of any additional witness they deem advisable and necessary.

THEREFORE WE, the G.W.V.A., Manitoba Command, in annual convention assembled, do go on record as believing that in the interests of justice the Federal Appeal Board should have the same powers as to hearing evidence as have the Board of Pension Commissioners, and do request the Federal Parliament to enact legislation that will enable the Appeal Board to take and act upon any evidence deemed material to the claim that may be brought before them.

#### 5. Winnipeg Branch

WHEREAS during the sittings of the Royal Commission on pensions and re-establishment the necessity for the appointment of an Appeal Board to adjudicate upon decisions of the Board of Pension Commissioners as to pensions, and the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, as to treatment was fully demonstrated,

AND, WHEREAS, upon hearing the evidence presented to it throughout Canada the said Commission recommended to Parliament the appointment of such Appeal Board with power to adjudicate upon any decision of the Board of Pension Commissioners, or Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, thus following the established practice of Great Britain, the United States, and all the principal allied countries.

AND, WHEREAS, legislation embodying the above was submitted to the House of Commons at a recent session of Parliament and approved, and later, at the instance of the Senate, the jurisdiction of such Board of Appeal was seriously curtailed so that at the present time it can only deal with cases where the relationship of disability to military service is in dispute, and.

WHEREAS, to our certain knowledge there are a large number of cases throughout Canada in respect to which points other than the relationship of disability to service are in dispute, but by reason of the limitation above referred to, the person affected have no right of appeal whatsoever,

AND, WHEREAS, we are of the opinion that the aim of the Royal Commission in recommending the institution of an Appeal Board has been thus defeated to a material extent, and that a large proportion of the grievances intended to be rectified still remain,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Manitoba Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, do hereby place ourselves on record as requesting the immediate introduction of legislation to restore the jurisdiction of the Appeal Board to the original intent thereof, and agree that the Federal Government shall be forthwith memorialized to this effect.

#### 6. Winnipeg Branch

WHEREAS, at the Session of the Federal Parliament, 1921-22, an amendment was passed by the House of Commons to Section 33 of the Pension Act, based upon recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on pensions at that session, providing for payment of pension to the widow of any soldier dying from a pension disability, where the marriage took place prior to one year from the date of the soldier's discharge.

AND, WHEREAS, at the instance of the Senate, such amendment was eliminated,

AND, WHEREAS, at the Session of Parliament 1922-23 such amendment was again passed by the Commons and at the instance of the Senate was again eliminated.

AND, WHEREAS, we are of the opinion that the necessity for such amendment has been abundantly proved in that many marriages were contracted after discharge in good faith and without knowledge of the existence of the war disability which subsequently caused death, in all of which cases pension is now denied by reason of the elimination of such amendment.

AND, WHEREAS, we believe that the widows in such cases are justly entitled to pension,

AND, WHEREAS, at the 1923-24 session of parliament a further amendment based on the recommendation of the Ralston Commission and containing ample safeguards against fraud or abuse were passed by the committee, but were again rejected by the Senate,

AND, WHEREAS we are of the opinion that the safeguards proposed by the Ralston Commission provide an effective bar against claims arising from fraudulent or death-bed marriages,

THEREFORE, we, the Manitoba Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, do hereby urge upon the Federal Government the desirability of again introducing such legislation, and we urge that strong representations be made to the Senate as to the real necessity for its enactment.

#### 7. Pensions (Imperial) St. James Branch

WHEREAS, there are members of the Imperial Forces ex-service men who are members of the G.W.V.A., and,

WHEREAS, there are numbers of these men who are in receipt of Imperial pensions and who are penalized by a low rate of exchange when the money market fluctuates,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that any man in receipt of a pension whether Imperial or otherwise, should receive the amount of this pension in Canadian currency payable at par.

#### 8. All Branches

Whereas, as a result of evidence presented by the G.W.V.A. and other veteran organizations to the Federal authorities during the past year the question of the re-organization of the Board of Pension Commissioners, by reason of their unsympathetic attitude towards ex-service men and their dependents, was considered by a special parliamentary committee,

AND, WHEREAS, the report of the committee, after hearing all avail-

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able evidence on the question, is as follows:

"In view of the widespread dissatisfaction among returned soldiers and others, and the representations made in regard to the attitude shown by the present Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada, your committee has taken evidence, and having considered the matter very carefully, has come to the following conclusions:

That the interests of the returned men will be better safeguarded, and the intent of Parliament will be better carried into effect, by a more sympathetic interpretation of the Pension Act, and its schedules, and that this can be best carried out by the reorganization of the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada and the medical services attached thereto.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends to Parliament that the Government be asked to take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect."

AND, WHEREAS, it appears that Parliament has not yet seen fit to carry into effect the recommendations of the said committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Manitoba Provincial Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, believing that the reorganization of the Pension Board is vitally necessary in the interests of the country and ex-service men to allay the present pronounced unsatisfaction and unrest,

IT HEREBY FURTHER urges the Parliament of Canada to give effect to the recommendations of the said committee without delay.

#### 9. Pensions (All Branches)

WHEREAS it would appear from the public statements of the Honorable Members of the Senate of Canada that it is desirable in the public interests that all amendments to the Bills effecting Soldier Legislation be brought down early in the Session of 1925, and

WHEREAS, it would seem that this request is reasonable,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Manitoba Command, in annual convention assembled, request the Dominion Secretary of the G.W.V.A. to present a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, praying him to cause to be laid before Parliament all clauses of the Soldiers' Pension Act amending bill, as were passed by the House of Commons, and rejected by the Senate, as soon after the assembling of the House of Parliament as is possible, and be it further resolved that the Dominion Secretary be requested to acquaint all branches of the G.W.V.A., with the answer of the Governor-General after the petition has been presented.

#### 10. D.S.C.R. (Winnipeg Branch)

WHEREAS it has been brought to the notice of this Association that pensioners or applicants for pension or treatment, upon being called in by the D.S.C.R. Pension Board for examination, are, if unemployed and residents of Winnipeg or District, discriminated against in the matter of allowances during the period of attendance for and during examination,

in that ex-soldiers in employment can obtain the specified remuneration upon production of their employer's certificate, whilst ex-service men unemployed receive no remuneration whatsoever,

AND, WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Association that disabled ex-service men unemployed are in equal, if not greater, need of remuneration than those in employment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the opinion of the Manitoba Provincial Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, the discrimination set forth above is unfair and unwarranted, and we do hereby request that steps be taken to re-adjust the allowances to unemployed and employed ex-service men upon an equal basis.

#### 11. Soldier Settlement Board (All Branches)

WHEREAS certain resolutions dealing with the difficulties of Soldier Settlers and proposed remedies thereof were exhaustively presented through the medium of the G.W.V.A. to a special committee of the House of Commons during the sessions of 1923-24,

AND, WHEREAS, the report of the said committee recommended to Parliament as follows:

- (1) That the Soldier Settlement Board shall immediately make provision for reduction on the price of all live stock advanced to Soldier Settlers, and purchased prior to the 1st of October, 1921, as follows:

- (a) If such live stock was purchased previous to the 1st of October, 1920, a reduction of 60 per cent. of the purchase price thereof.

- (b) If the said live stock was purchased after the 1st of October, 1920, and previous to the 1st of October, 1921, a reduction of 40 per cent. of the purchase price thereof.

- (2) That the period of interest exemption provided in Section 1 of the amendments to the Soldier Settlement Act of June 28th, 1922, be extended until the 1st of October, 1933.

- (3) Your committee further recommends that, in the event of any pre-payment of principle the Soldier Settlers shall be entitled to, and shall receive a discount at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from the date of such prepayment to the due date of same, but this discount privilege shall not extend beyond the 1st of October, 1934.

- (4) Your committee further recommends that the Soldier Settlement Board shall have discretionary power to re-locate bona fide Soldier Settlers who are found to be located upon manifestly unsuitable farms; such relocation to be made without financial loss to the settlers.

- (5) If, after the interest exemption period, provided for herein, expires a capital loss is clearly indicated the question as to whether the Government shall bear the whole or part of the loss can then be determined, and if

decided affirmatively appropriate action can then be taken for a re-adjustment on any installment remaining unpaid

AND, WHEREAS, this Convention believes that the adoption of the committee's recommendations will provide a solution to the present obstacles to the successful administration of the Soldier Settlement Act,

AND, WHEREAS, it has been brought to the notice of this Association that none of the said recommendations have yet been acted upon by Parliament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Manitoba Provincial Command, G.W.V.A., in annual convention assembled, heartily concurring in the committee's report, do urge upon the Federal Government the necessity for the immediate adoption and application of the said recommendation.

Other resolutions adopted dealt with the following:

To clarify certain provisions of the Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act.

Regarding the re-organization of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

To have Armistice Day set aside as a fixed date for the recommendation of the great event.

Favoring the setting aside of one day each year for the observance of Decoration Day throughout the Dominion.

Favoring the Parliament Hill site for the National memorial.

Requesting the placing on the permanent staff of the Federal Civil Service certain employees who have been on the temporary list for a considerable time.

Requesting the extension of certain branch lines on the C.N.R.

Favoring free hospital treatment for ex-service men and dependants, not otherwise provided for.

add other resolutions  
Requesting the Provincial Legislature to support the Association's efforts in ex-service affairs, and particularly in the matter of the re-organization of the Pensions Board.

Favoring the use of a uniform membership card.

Regarding the exemption of ex-Imperial soldiers from payment of initiation fees, where applicant holds card in a British ex-service men's organization.

Urging the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway.

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Dominion convention at Ottawa, to coincide with the visit this year of the British Empire Service League.

Requesting that an inquest be held in all cases of the violent death of ex-members of the forces.

#### STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AT PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

The following comprised the standing and special committees on whom the burden of the work of the convention fell. Great credit is due these comrades for the careful and painstaking manner in which they performed their duties.

**Credentials Committee**—R. Fairhurst, H. Irons, W. A. Piper, C. G. Whitehurst.

**Procedure Committee**—E. F. Neilson, C. W. Livingstone, W. A. Taylor.

**Resolutions Committee**—J. R. Bowler, R. Burns, D. Nelson, C. A. McKenzie, J. V. Johnston.

**By-Laws Committee**—P. G. Rumer, C. G. Whitehurst, H. J. Phillips, J. M. Gardiner, A. J. Pilgrim.

**Ways and Means**—F. J. Flanagan, J. H. Harrison, James Kelly, J. F. Richardson, G. H. Brittan.

**Appeals Committee**—T. Feah, A. S. Johnstone, S. McKenzie, F. Scrase, R. S. Scott.

#### LIST OF DELEGATES AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, PROVINCIAL COMMAND

J. W. Baldock, A. Cairns, J. R. Bowler, R. Burns, T. Bull, J. Brown, J. Bathie, G. H. Brittain, J. E. Colton, A. B. Campbell, F. Bean, T. Feah, J. Clarke, J. Davis, J. M. Gardiner, R. Fairhurst, G. H. Grimm, H. J. Anderson, A. Hay, F. J. Flannigan, H. Irons, J. H. Harrison, E. W. Jones, E. J. Christie, A. S. Johnston, J. V. Johnston, J. Kelly, F. W. Law, S. McKenzie, C. A. McKenzie, C. W. Livingstone, S. Lambert, S. McHenry, J. A. Pilgrim, H. J. Phillips, D. Nelson, E. F. Neilson, C. H. Payne, W. Piper, J. F. Richardson, J. Stagg, F. Scrase, R. S. Scott, L. J. Taylor, W. Taylor, P. G. Rumer, E. E. Spencer, A. E. Wright, E. Williams, C. G. Whitehurst.

The following fraternal delegates were in attendance: M. A. McPherson, Saskatchewan Provincial Command; A. Palmer, Amputations Association; E. Browne-Wilkinson, A. & N. Veterans; W. R. Patton, Naval Veterans; G. Martin, Imperial Veterans; T. M. Downing, T.V.A.; and M. N. McPhail, G.A.U.V.

#### E. E. SPENCER IS FRATERNAL DELEGATE

Comrade E. E. Spencer, past president of the Provincial Command, was the unanimous choice of the Convention as fraternal delegate to the Provincial Convention of the Saskatchewan Command. The convention opens on March 19th and will continue two days.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Notes

President—Mrs. Edith Rogers, M.L.A.

Secretary—Mrs. P. G. Rumer, 278 Furby Street, Phone B 4268.

#### MANY ATTEND ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF SOLDIER PATIENTS

The ladies' auxiliary of the Winnipeg branch, G.W.V.A., hold a weekly whist drive and dance in the London block. The attendances at these events has been very good all the season, and although this is the only means the ladies have of raising money for their hospital work, they are more than satisfied with the results. There are about 260 soldier patients in the various hospitals and regular visits are made by members of the auxiliary, and cigarettes and refreshments are supplied.

The Winnipeg Branch Ladies' Auxiliary visited King Edward hospital February 9th, entertaining the boys with a concert, followed by refreshments. The treat was very much appreciated, and the hearty thanks of the patients was accorded the ladies

and the talent, all of which was voluntary. The following artists contributed: Sid Barnes, Mrs. E. Linton, Miss Nancy Dowell, C. Morris, Sam Kelly, A. Campbell, with T. Knowles and Joe Lyons as accompanists.

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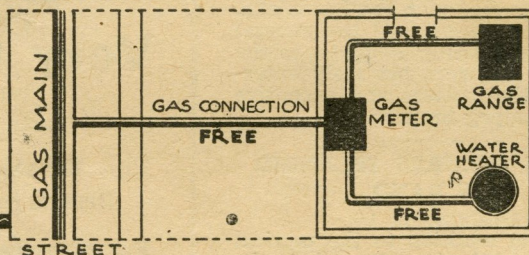
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## BRANCH NOTES

The Veteran desires to call the attention of branch secretaries to the fact that news of their locals should be forwarded to this paper at regular intervals. Country members would, no doubt, like to be in regular receipt of their official organ, which is published in the interest of veterans alone, and keeps them in touch with all the happenings affecting the movement. Will the secretaries endeavor to place all their members on the subscription list? There are few comrades who would not like to have a copy of their own paper mailed to them once a month.

### DELEGATES ARE GUESTS OF WINNIPEG BRANCH

The delegates to the convention of the Great War Veterans' association were guests of the Winnipeg branch of the organization at their headquarters, London block, February 13, and the function, in which about 300 participated, was one of the most successful in the records of that body. W. Taylor, vice-president, was in the chair, and on the platform with him to welcome the visiting veterans was J. V. Johnston, the newly elected president of the provincial command. The programme was excellent in every detail, and so repeated and persistent were the encore demands that the chairman, recognizing the impossibility of carrying out the original arrangements, was compelled to remind the enthusiasts that time and tide waited for no man, and of the utter impossibility of acquiescence to the demands for repeated reappearance of the favorites. Among those exceptionally popular was the glee club of the St. Vital G.W.V.A., about 20 in number, under the leadership of Frank Thoulds. "Comrades in Arms," their opening number, was followed at intervals with various selections, which indicated unusual versatility. Among the most popular of the other artists were Billy Bernard, T. Reece, George Burns, Graham Rattray, Wally Bease and H. E. Ormiston.

During the evening framed photographs of the grouped football club were presented to each member of that organization by E. E. Spencer, retiring president of the command, in recognition of the individual effort which had accomplished the winning of the championship for the second division, together with the Lewis cup. Prior to the concert and the general function, the visiting delegates to the number of 61 were privately entertained by the officers and executive of the Winnipeg branch.

### BRANCH SECURES SPLENDID PIPE BAND

The latest addition to the musical wing of the Winnipeg Branch is the well known pipe band of the Canadian National, under the leadership of Alex. Cameron. It has long been the wish of the branch to organize a pipe band, but the difficulties up to present have been such as to make the prospect remote. All this has now been overcome, however, and the band is all signed up. The reputation of the band as a first class combination is well known in the city and province, and its services have been continually in demand. During his recent visit to the C.N. shops the governor-general was much impressed

with their performance and expressed his thanks. The band is 22 strong, and all first-class pipers. With our excellent brass band and the pipes the branch can turn out on parade with a musical support second to none in the province.

### PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO I.O.D.E. MEMBERS

**Major-General H. D. B. Ketchen Rewards Those Who Cared for Soldiers' Graves**

At the branch meeting held Feb. 17th in the London block, the feature was the presentation of certificates to members of the Soldiers' Memorial chapter, I.O.D.E.

On behalf of the association, Maj-Gen. H. D. B. Ketchen presented about 24 members of the chapter with framed certificates in recognition of their work in caring for the graves of soldiers in Brookside cemetery, prior to the work being taken over by the Imperial War Graves commission. Mayor R. H. Webb, Capt. W. Robertson and Mrs. Colin Campbell were present and gave brief speeches eulogizing the work of the chapter in this connection.

P. G. Rumer, who opened the cere-

monies, outlined the work of the chapter and stated that at the time the work was taken over from the I.O.D.E. there were 500 graves in the cemetery, all with headstones bearing the name, rank and regimental number of the deceased soldier, erected entirely by the chapter.

The idea of these certificates was first conceived by E. S. Pratt, marshal, and second Vice-President of the branch, who, as sergeant-major of the military hospital commission, came largely in contact with the work of the ladies.

Among those who received certificates was Mrs. McGillivray, who gave four sons in the war, none of whom returned, and who is still an active worker in the ladies' auxiliary of the branch.

The unemployment committee reported the circulation of about 400 letter to employers of labor in the city, asking for their assistance in giving work to ex-service men, and many replies had been received, assuring co-operation in relieving the situation.

The appointment of T. Cavaghan, as secretary of the branch, was approved by the meeting. A letter was read from the Khaki club, appreciating the efforts of the branch, in seeing that the home was continued.

Other general routine business, brought forward by the executive, was disposed of.

### HARNEY BRANCH

The local branch of the G.W.V.A. have their plans well advanced for the launching of a monster ice carnival on Wednesday, March 4th, and have every promise of an evening's entertainment replete with wholesome enjoyment and healthy fun. Co-operation has been assured on every hand—the curlers have placed the

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#### BROOKLANDS AND WESTON

The following is a list of officers and executive of the Brooklands and Weston Branch G.W.V.A. for the year 1924-25: President, A. J. Pilgrim; Vice-President, S. McKenzie; Secretary, G. Park; Treasurer, J. Kelly; Executive, J. Bennett, A. Smith, L. Wallis, J. Hick, Chairman Entertainment Committee; A. Cranstone, J. Hardwicke, Chairman Sports Committee; J. M. Hemphill.

#### SPRAGUE

The visit of the G.W.V.A. Manitoba Command Concert Party to Sprague on Saturday, Feb. 12, will not be forgotten by those who were present at the concert and dance, for some time.

The concert far exceeded any other entertainment of this nature previously given here, and great praise is due the party for the excellence of their programme, whilst the music for the dance was all that could be desired, and was greatly appreciated by all present.

#### MINITONAS

At a meeting of the Minitonas Branch on January 10th the following comrades were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. Chapman; 1st Vice-President, R. Stevenson; 2nd Vice-President, D. McPhee; Secretary-Treasurer, J. F. McRae; Members of Executive, J. Wardle, V. Walker.

#### VALDALE

The annual meeting of the Valdale Branch was held in January, when the following officers were elected:

President, W. Patterson; Vice-President, T. Berkvens; Secretary-Treasurer, F. M. Brittain; Executive, W. Wilson, F. Bannerman, B. Knick-ey, H. E. Brittain.

#### SPERLING

The Sperling Branch elected the following officers at their annual meeting recently:

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Branch Office: Lancaster Hospital, St. John, N.B.
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Information with regard to appeals from the decisions of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada as to entitlement for treatment or pension may be secured from the Secretary, Federal Appeal Board, Elgin Building, Ottawa, or the nearest of the following Official Soldiers' Advisers:

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| Halifax—<br>H. F. Hamilton,<br>c-o Dept. S.C.R.,<br>Camp Hill Hospital, | Calgary—<br>S. G. Petley,<br>309 Dominion Bank Building        |
| St. John—   | Victoria—<br>G. H. Sedger,<br>521 Bastion Street.              |
| Charlottetown—<br>H. D. Johnson, M.D.,<br>275 Richmond Street.          | Quebec—<br>A. Pettigrew,<br>111 Cot de la Montagne.            |
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| Toronto—<br>J. V. Conroy,<br>311 Kent Building.                         | London—<br>E. Fremlin,<br>125 Albert Street.                   |
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