

PUBLIC PATRIOTIC MEETING.

Halifax, N. S.,

August 4th, 1917.

On July 17th, His Worship the Mayor received from His Honor Lieutenant Governor MacCallum Grant the following communication:-

Government House, Halifax, N. S.,
July 17th, 1917.

To His Worship,
The Mayor of Halifax.

Sir:-

I have received from Mr. Grey-Wilson, Chairman of the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organizations in Great Britain, of which the Prime Minister, The Right Hon. David Lloyd George, is Honorary President, a communication suggesting that, as in previous years, public meetings of a patriotic and imperial nature should be held throughout the Empire on the 4th August next, the anniversary of the declaration of war against Germany. Steps are being taken to carry out this project in Great Britain and Canada and the request is made that you will, as in previous years, do all in your power to assist in bringing this matter to the public attention in your community.

The following resolution is suggested by the Committee for submission at all meetings:-

"That, on this anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of the Citizens of Halifax, Nova Scotia, records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and Justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies."

As the purpose of this movement is to emphasize the unity of all the communities in their unwavering determination to crown with victory the great cause for which this war has been undertaken, it is most important that you undertake to arrange for meetings of the character indicated. I would be obliged, therefore, if you would furnish me with a copy of the resolution passed, giving names of the chairman of the meeting, the mover and seconder, the time and place of meeting and any information of matters arising that you would care to transmit.

MacC. Grant,
Lieutenant Governor.

Worship

His ~~Honor~~ immediately proceeded to arrange details for the holding of the public meeting suggested and

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secured the consent of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to preside.

Previously set engagements made it impossible for Honorable George H. Murray, Premier of the Province, and His Honor Judge Wallace to move and second the ~~address~~ ^{Resolution}.

Having arranged with Honorable E. H. Armstrong, Commissioner of Public Works and Mines for the Province of Nova Scotia, to move the resolution, His Worship was prevailed upon to himself assume the privilege of seconding it and caused the following notice to be advertised in the public press:-

Patriotic Meeting.

Mayor's Office, Halifax, N. S.,
August 1st, 1917.

A Public Patriotic Meeting at which His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will preside, will be held on the Grand Parade at 11.45 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, 4th inst., the third anniversary of the outbreak of the war, when a resolution will be presented in record of the inflexible determination of the citizens of Halifax to continue the struggle to a victorious end.

P. F. Martin,
Mayor.

At 11.45 a. m., August 4th, 1917, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor took the chair and opened the meeting. The meeting was held in the open air on the Grand Parade at the main entrance to the City Hall in the presence of a great gathering of citizens. The Band of the 63rd Regiment Halifax Rifles was in attendance.

His Honor was pleased to address the meeting as follows:-

Another anniversary of the Declaration of War by England against Germany has come round, and the Mother Country, with her gallant Allies, is still fighting for the freedom and liberty of the World, and for the sanctity of solemn treaties by all nations. It is not necessary to allude again to how the German Chancellor styled the Solemn Treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium "a scrap of paper", but it had the signature of Germany, nor how "the contemptible little army of England" stemmed the tide of the Hun hosts, but it is necessary that the Central Powers should be convinced that the whole British Empire unites in the firm determination to continue the struggle until the cause of Freedom and Liberty is secure.

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I have now to call upon Hon. E. H. Armstrong to move a Resolution. A precicely similar one will be moved today in every part of our great Empire.

The Honorable Mr. Armstrong moved the following resolution:-

"That, on this anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of the citizens of the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and Justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies."

Mr. Armstrong's address in submitting the resolution was received with enthusiastic applause.

The Resolution was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and passed by the Citizens amidst acclaim.

The meeting terminated with a further brief address by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and the rendering of the National Anthem by the Band.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.