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War Memorial Nears Reality

City Organizations Hold Mass Meeting At Y. M. C. A.

Establishment of a War Memorial in Halifax in the form of a Public Library took a long step toward becoming an actuality last night as the result of an enthusiastic meeting held in the Y.M.C.A., and attended by 60 representatives of leading organizations in the city who endorsed the establishment of the library and passed a motion that a public campaign for funds be held.

A letter will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council asking their full support in the project, especially in connection with the maintenance of the library when it has come into being.

A further meeting will be held in two weeks and plans for the launching of the campaign for funds will be given at a public meeting to be held at a later date.

Appointed last night was a temporary executive committee, consisting of Ira P. Macnab, chairman of the Civic Planning Commission and a member of the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. C. F. Fraser, managing editor of The Halifax Chronicle and Halifax Daily Star, R. J. Rankin, managing editor of The Halifax Herald and Mail, and D. K. Crowdis, curator of the Provincial Museum.

Miss Marion Gilfoy, of the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Commission acted as secretary of the meeting which found church, educational and labor leaders, representatives of the Canadian Legion, and of service, social and cultural organizations solidly behind the establishment of the library and approving of the motion as passed.

Opening the meeting D. K. Crowdis gave a review of the developments in connection with the proposed Memorial and this was followed by an open discussion, resulting in the resolution to endorse a public library for Halifax as a War Memorial and, after a discussion on ways and means, to achieve the establishment of such a motion that a public campaign for funds be held was passed.

Organizational representatives in attendance will promote in their own organizations the project and will acquaint members of the recommendations of the Master Plan re the Library Plan for Halifax, and prepare the ground for obtaining workers for the campaign to secure the necessary funds.

Establishment of the Library would see it fit into the Regional Library system, and would mean that a number of branch libraries would be linked up throughout the County with the main branch being sited in Halifax. Establishment of such would mean the providing by the provincial government of one half of the cost of the maintenance.