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A most important matter for municipal representatives to consider is what is being done towards affiliation with the Canadian Patriotic Fund, incorporated by a special Act of the Parliament of Canada.

The fund was established to make provision, in addition to the amounts allowed by the Government, for the wives and families of the reservists who have rejoined their regiments, and of others who have volunteered and have been accepted for active service during the war.

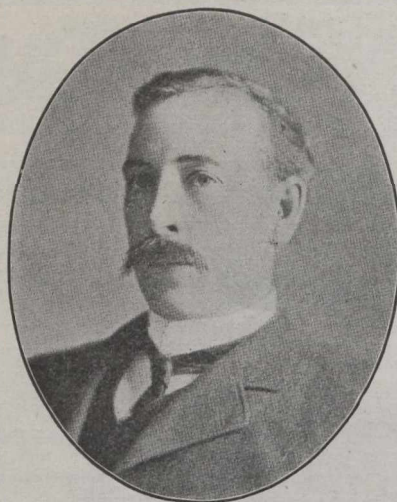
The fund is almost wholly made up of contributions from affiliated Patriotic Associations throughout Canada.

To bring about an ideal condition of affairs, County Patriotic Associations should be formed and a fund created by municipal grants or voluntary contributions, or both, to such amounts as will warrant their recognition by the Canadian fund.

It is the first duty of all Canadians to see that the families or dependents of those who are in or on their way to the firing line, are properly cared for. In no other way can we as effectively encourage recruiting for the various contingents or reinforcements required than by taking the proper means of assuring all who desire to enlist for active service, that the care of their dependents will devolve upon the community as a matter of right, not charity.

This cannot be done as well as through affiliation with the Canadian fund, the administration of which, through local committees, is the best service that can be rendered to the nation during the present struggle.

In many counties there has not been complete patriotic co-operation between the different communities. The formation of County Associations to co-ordinate all, will bring about a result that cannot be otherwise attained.



HON. F. G. MACDIARMID

Minister of Public Works, Ontario

Who will have charge of future legislation for highway improvement, based on report of Provincial Highway Commission

This issue will introduce us to many new readers, members of councils and officials. To these we desire to say that the columns of The World may not contain each month just what you would like to see there—but that by availing yourself of the privileges extended through the Question Drawer, you may obtain legal or other information on any municipal subject without delay. During the twenty-four years that have passed, we have published a large amount of municipal information, including answers to thousands of questions, and we believe that this co-operation with subscribers has assisted in the efficient administration of the business of municipalities generally. The management is the same as when the paper was first published, and subscribers get the benefit of our experience.

While affiliation with the Canadian Patriotic Fund should be the concern of all Patriotic Associations in a county, Belgian Relief, Red Cross, supplying comforts for soldiers, and other similar work may be undertaken in any community.

The great deal that has already been done in this connection shows that war time is the time of times for producing service from those who have the genius to serve.

A small magazine called "The Canadian War, now being published at 32 Church St., Toronto, is written and edited without remuneration, is devoted entirely to matters pertaining to the war, is published below costs, and all profits are for war relief fund.

The contributors to this magazine are among the leading men and women of Canada, all of whom are interested in relief work at home and abroad. The magazine will appear weekly. The subscription price of five cents each should insure a large circulation.

Every man who earns an honest living is entitled to a decent home. A reasonable measure of comfort and even beauty should be included in the construction of that word home.

Mr. G. F. Donnelly, clerk of the Village of Athens, died on the 2nd December last, and was buried on the 4th of that month, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. and I. O. F.