

and Great Britain's allies; and whereas money is now being raised for the said purpose, and it is desirable to provide for the administration of the same: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.

If honourable members will peruse the present Bill they will see that it is virtually in the same form. Its preamble is as follows:

Whereas it is desirable to promote co-ordination and co-operation between existing organizations and to provide, if any need shall arise, for the assistance of the wives, children and dependents, resident in Canada, of officers and men who during the present war may be on active service with the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty or of any allied or associated power: and, whereas it is desirable to provide an organization for such purpose: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.

Section 2 contains the names of the incorporators—Canadians holding high positions and representative of the whole Dominion. They will be able to add to their number from time to time. I should like to have seen named among the incorporators those devoted Canadians who gave so freely of their time in furthering the ends of the Act of 1914, and who thereby acquired considerable experience in administering the fund, but I am told that the incorporators represent what I might term "officialdom," and will select the men who are to carry on the work throughout the country, the head and executive being resident in Ottawa.

I may say that I watched with admiration the devoted service rendered by the Montreal section of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Comparisons are, of course, somewhat invidious, but I cannot fail to mention Miss Helen R. Y. Reid, who was, I might say, a pillar of the organization in Montreal.

An Hon. SENATOR: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I was in contact also, but not officially, with Mr. E. L. Brittain, Mr. Thomas H. Blair and Mr. W. F. Nickle, who later became Attorney-General of Ontario and who, I think, acted as secretary of the fund. I could cite the names of many other workers equally zealous and devoted. I have mentioned only a few that occur to me at the moment.

In 1914 the Canadian Patriotic Fund proceeded to raise money by voluntary contributions. Cities and towns vied with one another in subscribing to the fund. I attended a number of meetings in the city of Montreal in connection with campaigns which brought in millions of dollars. There was similar activity throughout the whole Dominion. In five years public subscriptions were collected to the amount of approximately \$48,000,000. Included in this sum was a contribution by the Government of Canada of \$900,000.

Subsequently, at the request of the Government, the Canadian Patriotic Fund administered an appropriation made by Parliament, known as the Federal Emergency Appropriation, and expended approximately \$5,000,000 to provide generally for returned soldiers who were unemployed.

The National Committee made arrangements whereby the funds were collected and distributed through provincial or local committees set up in accordance with regulations established by the Executive at Ottawa. This was to ensure uniformity of distribution. It is to be particularly noted that the administration of funds was under the direction of the Executive Committee, who had full power under the Act to make regulations regarding the method of distribution, etc.

The organization to be set up now will proceed to levy funds on a voluntary basis. No one will be taxed under this Act. The appeal will be made to the patriotic sentiment of the people.

The exact needs of the Patriotic Fund are not known at the moment, but representations made by a number of patriotic bodies indicate that during this war the fund will not be called upon to pay out as large amounts as were disbursed during the last war. These representations are based on the fact that the pay and allowances of soldiers and their dependents, as provided under the pay and allowances regulations now in effect, are much higher than those prevailing from 1914 to 1918. I have here, and shall place upon Hansard, a table showing what soldiers and their families will be entitled to under Orders in Council recently passed.