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## The Call That All Must Answer

**Patriotic Fund and Red Cross Benefit Combined in One Collection.—Requirements of Both These Services are Greater Than Ever Before. Success of Collections Will Have Great Effect on Strength of Fighting Forces.**

### GIVE EVERY CENT YOU CAN SPARE.

For the third time since the war commenced, the people of Ottawa are asked for general contributions to the Patriotic Fund. The first call was a small affair, the second was really worth while, but the subscriptions to this call **MUST** exceed the other two combined.

Since the last collection the number of men under arms has been increased by tens of thousands and, as the call for volunteers grows more and more urgent and married men respond in greater proportion, the number of dependents is increased at a still more rapid rate. There were, a few days ago, 149,230 wives and children of soldiers receiving aid from the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

#### The Red Cross.

Heretofore, the Canadian Red Cross Society has avoided direct appeals to the public for funds and has carried on its wonderful work by the subscriptions of its members and spontaneous donations, from proceeds of public entertainments, and from auxiliary societies.

The great increase in the number of men in arms, of the number of wounded and sick, and of the number of hospitals and ambulances required has now overtaxed the Society's resources. For some time past the Canadian society has assisted the needy French war hospitals by donations of supplies, but in December this assistance had to be reduced one-half because of lack of stores.

#### Campaign Plans.

The campaign for collections will be carried on in Ottawa in the same manner as last year, with certain improvements suggested by experience. A mass meeting will be held in the Russell Theatre on the evening of February 5th and the collections will be made on February 7th, 8th and 9th.

Organizer Miller has been in Ottawa for ten days past and has opened campaign headquarters in the Union Bank Building.

#### In the Civil Service.

The campaign in the Civil Service will also be run on the same lines as last year. Arrangements are in charge of A. DeB. Tremaine, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, who is chairman of the Patriotic Affairs Committee of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa. He is assisted, not only by the members of his own committee, but by all the officers and members of the