

Interesting Facts

Concerning the Work of Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association.

Applications made to the fund during the month of December numbered 674, of which 583 were accepted, 56 held for further consideration, and 80 pronounced not eligible. Total applications for assistance since the inception number about 9,000.

The average monthly visits of Public Health Nurses number about 900, the number of visits for December, 1915, being 1,110. There were 331 cases of sickness reported during the same month.

Up to the 31st of December, the Association has paid for services of 389 Visiting Nurses, 212 Victorian Order Nurses, and 8 St. Elizabeth Order, 75 Practical Nurses, and 111 Housekeepers.

The number of inquiries made at the office during the month of December, 1915, was 2,281. Some months it is two or three times this number.

The total number of cases of sickness reported and dealt with up to the 31st of December was 1,932, of which 722 were obstetrical.

Total number of physicians giving free services, 265.

Total number of chemists giving free prescriptions, 66.

During December the fund maintained 67 hospital cases, 14 of which were in the Sick Children's Hospital.

During December the Investigating Department made 1,027 visits and investigations, 448 of them in the homes of the dependents.

Cash payments on subscriptions had been received up to 31st December, 1915, amounting to \$832,249, which with \$6,842 of interest on unused balance from time to time, made a grand total of cash \$839,091.

Disbursements for all purposes up to the 31st of December, 1915, amounted to \$767,291, leaving a balance in hand of \$71,800.

There were 900 families on the fund in September, 1914. In December, 1915, there were 5,742.

Relief paid out to families was \$21,567 in September, 1914, and for December, 1915, the amount was \$88,782.

The average monthly payment to a family is about \$16.00.

Total salaries paid in administering the fund for the seventeen months, from its inception to the 31st of December, amounted to \$15,098.

Disbursements for the month of January, 1916, will amount to something over \$90,000, against which we have \$71,800 in hand. The deficit of \$20,000 will be covered by the payment of subscriptions. We expect to receive on account of subscriptions due in September, 1916, a sufficient amount to cover the January deficit, and provide largely for the February requirements.

The total number of dependents on the fund, including children, on December 31st, 1915, was nearly 15,000. The percentage of allowances given on account of children is about 40%.