

THE HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.

The following is a list of offices that have subscribed, to date, to the relief fund opened some months ago by the Secretary-Treasurer, to assist the families of postal clerks who suffered loss as a result of the recent disaster in the city of Halifax:

Brandon, Man.	\$ 15.00
Brantford, Ont.	25.00
Brockville, Ont.	4.00
Hamilton, Ont.	29.50
Montreal, Que.	320.00
Ottawa, Ont.	40.00
Port Arthur, Ont.	14.00
Quebec, Que.	25.00
Regina, Sask.	66.45
Saskatoon, Sask.	37.00
St. Thomas, Ont.	11.50
Sydney, N.S.	21.00
Victoria, B.C.	48.83
Winnipeg, Man.	161.00
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	\$818.28

It will be seen that the total amount subscribed to date is \$818.28. The amount is not large, but the spirit which prompted the giving of this amount, out of salaries that are altogether inadequate, is something to be proud of.

There are no doubt a few offices that, for one reason or another, have failed to send their contributions to the Secretary-Treasurer. Let us make the amount an even thousand?

Are you a subscriber to The Civilian?

Have you paid your Branch dues?

How many meetings of your Branch have you attended during the year?

Notes From Kingston.

George W. Comer, for many years customs postal officer, has, at his own request, been placed on the retired list. He has over 27 years' service to his credit. T. Flaherty, a returned soldier, is helping the carriers during the annual leave season. Vacation time is at hand. Miss Allen says she prefers a chummy roadster, but Miss Easson thinks more of a birchbark canoe. The Order in Council re retirements and possibly adding to the retirement allowance is welcomed. What is 4 per cent nowadays? Better turn the retirement fund into war bonds at 5½ per. The new Civil Service Act is on trial. It will be interesting to see how it works out.

FROM FORESTRY MEN AT THE FRONT.

Quartermaster Sergeant S. R. Clark, Canadian Forestry Corps, France, formerly Forest Supervisor of the Brazeau Forest Reserve of the Forestry Branch, Department of the Interior, and brother of Mr. Geo. H. Clark, Dominion Seed Commissioner, Ottawa, writing to the head office, Ottawa, says:

"I find the French methods of forestry very interesting. This forest has been under Government supervision for many years and the subdivision into compartments based on soil and the resultant type is definite proof of successful management. The organization, of course, is strictly military, and prior to this war it was sufficiently trained to go to the front as a unit. Only veterans are in charge now. This forest, which was cut over by the Huns about last February, consisted of oak, 60 per cent;

beech, 30 per cent; birch, 5 per cent, and the remainder blue beech and ash. Lieut. Tilt (formerly working for the Forestry Branch in Alberta) made an examination of the area during early summer, but owing to the large amount of felled trees which the Huns cut and were unable to utilize before their retreat he found a reliable estimate difficult to make.

"Another interesting part of our location here is the daily serenade we receive from Fritz. To date they have caused very little inconvenience other than necessitating a transfer of the crews while the shells are coming over. Of course this relieves monotony, and as we have completed the cleaning up of this forest it is probable that we will not be located so close to the line when we move again as it is not customary for non-combatant units to be placed so close to the firing line."