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Libby's Tomato Sauce, per bot. . .28c.
Upton's Tomato Sauce, per bot. . .19c.
H. P. Sauce, per bot.35c.
Colburn's Sauce, per bot.18c.
Holbrook's Sauce (Large), per bot.30c.
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Holbrook's Sauce (Small), per bot.20c.

Local Salmon, per tin .40c.

Toilet Soaps.

Goodwin's Toilet Soap, per cake . .13c.
Turkish Bath Soap, per cake . . .12c.
Jap Rose Soap, per cake18c.
Jersey Cream Soap, per cake . . . 8c.
Herb Toilet Soap, per cake18c.
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advertisement it did not reach the Minister of Justice.

Definition of Present Work.

The organization may be termed a Voluntary Auxiliary or Supplementary Agency to the Board of Health, to assist through the Community Nurses, and other responsibilities the W.P.A. have assumed, in the promotion of better conditions for the children of the community.

Committees.
There are three Committees: the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Clothing Committee; and a Midwives Club under the auspices of the W.P.A.

Executive and Meetings.
The Executive consists of 9 members, a President, 4 Vice-Presidents, an Hon.-Treasurer, an Hon.-Secretary and 2 other members.

There were 25 Executive Meetings during the year with an average attendance of between 5 and 8. There were 3 general meetings of the Association and two Public meetings.

It was with deep regret that the Executive learned that the President, Lady Harris, was obliged to resign from the practical work of President of the Association. Since Lady Harris took up residence at Government House she has shown a most sympathetic and keen interest in all matters pertaining to the children; an interest far in excess of her strength, and the Association regrets that her health does not permit her to continue this office. Since July, Lady Horwood has very kindly been acting in her place.

Finance.
Since the W.P.A. took up Child Welfare work in May 1919 they have raised over \$11,000.00. Tag Day was held on May 22nd, and the proceeds amounted to over \$2,100.00, and in November last a house-to-house collection was held, the amount realized being over \$2,000.00. This collection of this latter collection was to support a number of cots in Dr. Fraser's Hospital.

Clothing Committee.
On the suggestion of Miss Kendall a sewing Committee was organized to prepare simple model clothing for children whom the nurse visit and who are inadequately clothed. The clothing made is for infants and children up to one year of age.

Mrs. R. B. Job is Convenor and one and all testify to her efficiency in this capacity. Advancements are made to this Committee from the General Fund with which to buy materials. The clothing when completed is marked at cost price of material and sent to the Centre where it is sold. Mrs. Job reports having sent goods to the Centre to the value of \$217.98. There is a distinct understanding that nothing shall be given free. The organization is not a charitable one and does not wish in any way to infringe upon the independence of any member of the Community.

Midwives Club.

During Miss Haslam's term of engagement she organized a Midwives Club. This was the first effort ever made in St. John's to promote sympathy and give helpful instruction to this most necessary body of women whose work is so important to child life. This Club is very largely patronized. It aims at being very beneficial, and deserves every encouragement.

Miss Annie Scott and Miss Benedict have been most interested in carrying on the work. Miss Benedict has kindly consented to give an outline of the work later.

Commitments.

The Commitments for the past year were as follows:

1. To defray part salaries of three Community Nurses to the value of \$2,000.00.
2. To defray full salary of extra nurse for three months.
3. To secure the services of a Welfare Worker from England.
4. To operate a temporary Ward for sick babies at 54 LeMarchant Road.
5. To operate three milk stations.
6. To partly furnish and operate Centre.
7. To support destitute child.

Community Nursing Service.

The Community Nurses are directly under the Board of Health. The staff consists of three, and their combined salaries together with incidental expenses amount to \$2,200.00, of which the W.P.A. contributes \$1,450.00, the Municipality \$1,000.00, and the Government \$750.00. Their services are free. Every citizen must know the work of these good nurses, and it is unnecessary here to comment upon it. Enough to say that the value of this service to the Community is inestimable, and may easily be considered one of the most benevolent organizations the city has. Long may it last and be added to.

Extra Nurse.

During the months of July, August and September, the W.P.A., at the request of the M.H.O., undertook to defray the full salary of an extra nurse to assist with the extension of clinic work and visiting while the others were on furlough.

Welfare Worker.

When the extension of the work so fully started and faithfully continued by the Misses Kendall was considered, the decision of securing the services of a specially qualified Welfare Worker had been announced at the annual meeting held in the Presbyterian Hall on December 4th, 1919.

Miss Haslam arrived in April, and resigned after six months' service, in view of the fact that, to her, further extensions of the work seemed impossible, conditions not being what she anticipated. It is gratifying to record that certain developments initiated by her may be viewed with satisfaction.

Scheme of Co-Ordination.

An effort was made on the part of His Excellency the Governor, acting on behalf of the Executive, to regularize the work and draw up a scheme of co-ordination between the W.P.A. and the Board of Health whereby the Welfare Worker would receive official recognition and co-operate with the Board of Health Nurses. No final decision, however, was ever arrived at.

Temporary Ward.

On Miss Haslam's arrival, it was decided (preparatory to a larger effort which had sometime previously been mapped out for the W.P.A.), to open a temporary Ward in the home of Mrs. Parsons, 54 LeMarchant Road, for the care of sick babies with whom the City Nurses come in daily contact, and for whom adequate hospital accommodation was then not given due consideration.

It cost \$250.00 to equip this Ward, as well as contributions in goods to the value of, approximately, \$1,000.00. Contributions in cash to this fund amounted to \$202.74. Electric power for heating purposes was provided by the Reid Nid. Co. free of charge. The staff consisted of a day nurse and three probationers. The nurse's fee was \$60 per month—without board, lodging or uniform, and the probationers all worked without salary, uniform or maintenance and did the washing. Miss Haslam lived there and was on call when necessary, at night. These facts are mentioned to show how very temporary a basis the Ward was being operated and could not be compared with a permanency.

On May 19th, four babies were admitted and the cots were kept occupied until October 15th, when, on account of insufficient heating apparatus for colder weather, the Ward was obliged to close. Twenty-six patients in all were treated there; four deaths occurred. With regard to payment, there was no difficulty in collecting amounts each week ranging from \$2 to \$5. Miss Haslam reports having collected \$215.00.

One of these babies, on being discharged, was taken by its mother to a filthy two-room tenement occupied at that time by thirteen human beings, male and female, as well as numerous dogs and cats. This den has recently been raided by the police.

Milk Stations.

There are three Milk Stations. Harvey Road, corner of Gower and Princess Streets and Duckworth Street, East. In two of these the W.P.A. have their own operators, the third, Mrs. Lewis has the agency for W.P.A. supplies. The rent of each is \$30.00 per month and the operators are in receipt of \$20.00 per month. The Association is deeply indebted to Mrs. Lewis for dispensing milk since July free of charge, which means a very substantial contribution.

Contribution is bought from two milkmen at 88c. per gallon. Mr. Harold Macpherson has been supplying Harvey Road Station for the past year at an approximate cost of 88c. per gallon, which has meant a most generous contribution of approximately \$2,000.00. The rent of each is \$30.00 per month and the operators are in receipt of \$20.00 per month. The Association is deeply indebted to Mrs. Lewis for dispensing milk since July free of charge, which means a very substantial contribution.

The average quantity of milk sold daily for the past three months was 41 quarts.

The average cost of milk, 20 1-3 per quart.

The average cost to the W.P.A., inclusive of maintenance, 25c. per qt. Harvey Road Milk Station between February and September, is \$70.65 in arrears.

There are no other debts.

Free milk is supplied by the Association to needy cases only upon recommendation of the Community Nurse to the Executive, and several cases have been helped through private sources.

Infants milk is also sold. Wholesale prices 80c., retail, 85c. Last summer a case of soup and cocoa was placed in Harvey Road Milk Station for use in cases of sick and destitute and poor.

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Women's Patriotic Association

ANNUAL REPORT.

LADY HORWOOD AND LADIES:—In presenting the 6th annual report of the Women's Patriotic Association, it is first necessary to make mention of the final arrangements for the completion of its original objects in connection with the Great War.

Final Report of War Organization.
A Bill to incorporate the W.P.A. Trust Fund was duly passed at the Session of the last Legislature.

The Trust Fund Committee consists of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of the Council of Higher Education, two representatives of the G.W.V.A. (a soldier and a sailor), and the President, the two ex-officio Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary of the W.P.A.

The Trustees are authorized to expend the money in the following ways:—

1. To pay, if they think fit, not more than \$7,000.00 towards a Recreation Hut mentioned in Section 5 of the Trust Fund Act.
2. To expend that balance (a) in continuing or completing arrangements to furnish material or comforts to soldiers and sailors who served in the war, and their children, but the Trustees cannot make any new arrangements to supply material or comforts which were not commenced before the passing of the Act; (b) To aid children of soldiers and sailors to attend school; (c) To aid children of soldiers or sailors to learn a trade or fit themselves to earn their living.

The Visiting Committee continues sending the patients convalescing in the Government Hospitals fruit or chocolate and cigarettes every week, this fund defraying the cost.

Surplus Supplies.
Last Spring the N.W.C.A., London, returned 7 cases of surplus socks, etc. These comforts were distributed by the Packing Committee from Sutherland Place amongst the soldiers and sailors in the various Hospitals, the G.W.V.A., and on H.M.S. Briton.

Final Report of N.W.C.A.
250 copies of the final report of the N.W.C.A., have recently been distributed to a number of citizens and to the various branches of the Association. These reports should be read with grateful appreciation of the untiring efforts of this Sister Association in the many devoted services they rendered on behalf of our own fighting forces during the years of the Great War.

Waterford Hall.

Waterford Hall was vacated as a Naval and Military Hospital in July last. During its occupation of over three years, more than 550 men were treated there.

The sale of W.P.A. effects at Waterford Hall took place on November 11th and 14th, the sum realized amounting to \$1912.51, which amount, with account sales was handed to the Hon. Treasurer of the W.P.A.

The Hall and Annex have all been thoroughly cleaned, but remain under the care of the W.P.A. until the Spring, when its future will be decided.

In winding up War Work in the Outports 7 branches sent their balances on hand to Headquarters to be devoted to Child Welfare.

Projected Memorial.
At an Executive Meeting held at Government House on April 10th, the balance from the Christmas Gift Fund, amounting to some \$692.64, was voted as a nucleus to a fund from the W.P.A. towards the erection of the projected Memorial to our men who fell during the war. This arrangement undoubtedly will meet with the approval of the Association generally.

Acknowledgments.
The Executive were fortunate in securing a permanent Headquarters Office in the basement of the Colonial Building. Light and fuel free, the only office expense being the attendance. Office used on an average of two days a week.

The Association desires to express its most grateful appreciation of Sir Edgar Bowring's munificence in enabling them to operate a Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital, by so generously placing Waterford Hall at its disposal for a term of

over three years, and for his interest always displayed in its behalf. The Association also desires to express its thanks to those members of the Hospital Board of Control, who by their time and attention assisted in operating the Hospital so successfully.

And last but not least to Mrs. John Harvey who so efficiently and so unsparingly filled the Office of Secretary.

To Mr. L. E. Emerson and Messrs. Reid, Son and Watson for most valuable professional services, and to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Macpherson, for so generously contributing 1,000 cigarettes to every 5,000 bought for the men in hospital.

Final.
The cause for which this emergency body of workers organized, is, happily, for some time ended, and the women of Newfoundland have proven through this Association a loyalty and devotion to King and Country not surpassed throughout the Empire.

The New Work of the Organization.
During the war and at the cessation of war work it was considered advisable by a number of its members, that the Association should remain united and devote its activities to some definite permanent work.

Accordingly at the annual meeting held in the Presbyterian Hall on December 4th, 1919, the Association formally decided to take up Child Welfare. With this idea in view a draft of an Act to incorporate the W.P.A. was prepared prior to the Session of the Legislature, but, owing to some in-

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