

earlier in the war. Although the club was in operation only eight months before the signing of the armistice, the Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management declared as a result of her observations during that period, "In their long record of splendid achievements, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire have never accomplished a more useful or better work than that of standing sponsor for, and making possible the establishment of the Canadian Nurses' Club, and the devoted women who compose the membership will never forget the debt of gratitude that they owe to the Order."

Any detailed account of the sums of money raised by the Daughters of the Empire during the years of the war would overwhelm the imagination, even though a person had the patience to wade, in a more or less dazed manner, through such an array of figures. Ever since the commencement of the fighting, the primary chapters have been responding to all sorts of demands upon their generosity. They have contributed to those funds already described, for all of which an appeal was made to the whole Order, but that represents only a small part of their gifts. The provincial chapters, the municipal chapters and even some of the primary chapters undertook to donate valuable equipment such as ambulances, hospital outfits and field kitchens. There were also hundreds of small local demands in every city and town in Canada which always found the Daughters of the Empire eager to respond. It has been estimated on a very conservative basis that the Daughters of the Empire in the Dominion of Canada raised over \$5,000,000. for patriotic purposes during the five years of the war.

The development of the work of the primary chapters ran parallel with the needs of the army. The list of the undertakings grew with the de-