

Simultaneous announcements were made in Ottawa that a project had been launched to raise \$20,000 for a bronze memorial to Edith Cavell and that the consignments from the Canadian Red Cross stores to France had been reduced by one-half in December owing to lack of supplies. What would Edith Cavell say, if she could speak from beyond the grave, as to the duty of Ottawa people and Canadians generally in such a situation?

No matter how they may "knock" the Service, the general public know that the Government employees are the most generous and open-handed body of people in Ottawa. Whenever a big charity or general subscription of any sort threatens to come short of the amount of money necessary to insure its success, a canvass of the Civil Service is almost invariably resorted to, no matter how freely individual civil servants have previously subscribed. And, generally, the Service puts its shoulder to the wheel and lands the enterprise at its goal. The British Sailors Relief Fund is the latest illustration of this kind of thing. The Soldiers' Aid Commission got more than sixty per cent of its support from the Service. The Ottawa Association for the Blind had a big boost a year or so ago, and many other philanthropic enterprises that have received great assistance could be recalled. Those who insinuate that the civil servants are not charitable either know not whereof they speak or wilfully misrepresent the facts.

You have a warm bed. Can you lie at ease in it knowing that, by your neglect, some soldier's child shivers and coughs the night through?

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When her man was here, the soldier's wife didn't have to work. Why should she have to work now? Shall we punish her because she has given her all,—because her husband is a better man than most of us?

OTTAWA NOTES.

Collections for the benefit of the British Sailors Relief Fund were made in several departments and a considerable sum raised in addition to the private subscriptions previously made. The Naval Service and Marine and Fisheries made especially fine showings.

Another step has been made towards final settlement of the affairs of the Co-operative Association. The liquidators have completed their work and the proceeds have been paid into court. The status of certain creditors remained to be settled, and until a court of competent jurisdiction sits in Ottawa and decides that question no money can be paid out to shareholders or other claimants.

The great find by Charles H. Sternburg, formerly of the Geological Survey, of two duckbilled dinosaur fossil skeletons in the Red Deer river valley came to naught after all. The giant remains were shipped to the British museum on the steamer Mount Temple, which met a German sub some time ago, and was sent to the bottom.

A MARTYR TO DUTY.

Another officer of the Dominion immigration force has lost his life in the discharge of his duty. Marshall Jackson, attached to the Winnipeg staff, was shot on a Michigan Central train near Windsor, Ont., on the morning of January 25th by a criminal named Anderson, alias Stewart and several other names, and died in five minutes. The officer was conveying his murderer from Winnipeg to Detroit, where he was to be handed over to the authorities for trial for safe-blowing. The prisoner snatched Jackson's revolver, shot him through the body and jumped from the moving train. He was later captured, having been driven from hiding to secure some drug for which he craved.