

funds are raised by voluntary contribution. Since June, 1916, the expenditure in relief work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has averaged about \$900,000 a month. This sum has covered the assistance of from 50,000 to 60,000 families.

Canadian Red Cross Society.—The Canadian Red Cross Society was organized in eight provincial and about 1,200 local branches. Its object was to furnish aid to sick and wounded soldiers as an auxiliary to the Army Medical Corps. The more important activities of the Society included the supply of equipment for Canadian military hospitals, grants to British and other hospitals, care of Canadian prisoners of war, and the collection and shipment of supplies of various kinds, including clothing for the refugees being repatriated in the devastated areas of Europe. The society has collected over \$9,000,000 in money and gifts to the value of more than \$15,000,000.

Canadian St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.—These two important organizations, which are branches of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in England, co-ordinated their war work with the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Association during the five years of the war instructed 61,612 Canadians in First Aid and Home Nursing, with the object of assisting in volunteer work either in Canada or overseas. In addition, courses of instruction in First Aid were given to 200,000 troops while in training in Canada. An abridged text book covering the First Aid course was prepared by the Association for the Department of Militia. The results were so satisfactory to the military authorities that similar instruction was instituted in England, and was continued as long as the troops were in training there.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade furnished for overseas duty a unit of 49 Canadian non-commissioned officers and men, while 340 female members of Canadian