To the Trustees,

Manitoba Patriotic Fund,

Winnipeg.

We have audited the books of the Manitoba Patrictic Fund for the twelve months 'nded 31st August, 1916, with the exception of two months audited by Messrs, F. C. S. Turner & Co.

We have found the books kept in good order, and all information

asked for has been readily given us.

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements attached herewith and bearing our initials, is, in our opinion, a true and correct statement of the intromissions of the Fund for the said twelve months.

(Sgd). Webb, Read, Hegan, Callingham & Co.

Winnipeg, October 25th, 1916.

Report of the MANITOBA PATRIOTIC FUND

FAMILIES ASSISTED

Up to August 31st the total amount of cases investigated	0.00#
Total number of families to receive assistance	9,827 9,301
Total amount of cases rejected for various reasons Applications investigated, from outside points in the	526
province	3,640 3,428
Total families added since September, 1915	5,929
tion has been granted, there are approximately on our regular monthly pay-rolls, families to the number of By dividing 6,335 families into the \$91,118.93 paid out in August, it shows that the average per soldier's family per month is \$14.37.	6,335
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In connection with the care of the soldiers' dependents, special mention should be made of the medical profession. Their services have been given in almost every case without charge. By day and by night, sometimes in out-of-the-way districts or at long distances, the Doctors have unselfishly and unstintingly given their best for the families of the soldiers' dependents. To estimate accurately the money value of such services would be impossible. The official figures of the Winnipeg General Hospital show that from August, 1914, to September, 1916, forty-five thousand, nine hundred and seventy-eight days of treatment were given to soldiers, as well as innumerable consultations with soldiers' dependents in hospital, home and office. This alone gives a little idea of the scope of this voluntary work.

The members of the legal profession also have voluntarily assisted in dealing with many of the problems of property and insurance in con-

nection with soldiers' property.

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