

## St. John Ambulance Association

Report of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of Cot Fund, Read and Adopted at Meeting Held June 20th, 1918

To the patron and members of the Committee of the Nfld. Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association: Your Excellency and Gentlemen, As Honorary Secretary of the Saint John Ambulance Association, and as Honorary Treasurer of the Cot Fund, I beg to make my report for the year ending February 28th, 1918.

I have much pleasure in announcing to the committee that Your Excellency has graciously consented to accept the office as patron of the Newfoundland centre.

The work of the association is making an increase in every direction. Doubtless owing to the fact that it is an association whose activities are intimately connected with the war. Over two hundred applications have been made to the association for classes in First Aid, and Home Nursing, and as far as possible the applications have been accepted. Three classes have been held, two in First Aid and one in Home Nursing. These classes resulted in 91 ladies taking a course, 60 in First Aid and 31 in Home Nursing. Of these fifty took examination in First Aid and Thirty in Home Nursing. At the present time your secretary is arranging for the holding of two more classes during the summer. Difficulty was experienced during the winter in obtaining doctors to lecture and examine these classes, owing to the fact that numerous epidemics were prevalent throughout St. John's, and the doctors were greatly overworked. It is hoped now, however that the summer has come we will be able to avail of their assistance to have classes held for the remaining applicants.

### IMPERIAL RED CROSS FUND

The Imperial Red Cross Fund is a branch of the joint fund of the Red Cross of the Order of St. John and at our request was organized by His Excellency Sir Walter Davidson, under authority from the joint committee, appointing a local committee consisting of representatives from the centre, and members from the Patriotic Association and the Women's Patriotic Association. Under the energetic and capable management of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. H. Steer, assisted by this committee, the appeal for funds resulted in the gratifying contribution from the Dominion of seventy-one thousand one hundred and twenty-two dollars and thirty cents (\$71,122.30). This sum went for the general purpose of ambulance and hospital work. This fund has from time to time been reported to the Patriotic Association in detail.

Sir Walter Davidson in his communication to the Patriotic Association asking it to co-operate in the formation of this committee, was careful to define the relations between it and the Cot Fund, which His Excellency described as "our own particular effort and associated specially in every detail with the name of Newfoundland."

### COT FUND

Following the original suggestion from the central committee of the association and with a view to providing for the ever increasing demands for the medical accommodation and comfort of the Nfld. Regiment in France and in the United Kingdom, the whole energy of the Newfoundland centre has been directed during the year to the promotion and extension of what is known as the Cot Fund.

At the commencement of the year we were supporting thirty cots in the St. John Brigade Hospital at Etaples, at an annual cost of £52 each, and 211 in War Hospitals in the United Kingdom, namely:

Hospital	No. of Beds.
Gifford House, V. A. D., Rochester, London	24
Eastcote, V. A. D., Middlesex	15
East Finchley, Middlesex	15
Dollis Hill House	20
St. John Hospital, Woodlands, Southampton, Lancs.	10
Whitney House, Gateshead	10
Newcastle on Tyne	11
Regents Park, Southampton, St. John Portcawl	7
Glamorgan	15
St. John Relief Hospital, Harrow on the Hill	14
Southall, Middlesex	14
Cawston Manor, Norfolk	12
Ulster Volunteer Force, Belfast	20
Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital, Southend, Essex	12
Harborne Hall, Birmingham	10
Ashford V. A. D., Kent	211

Twenty-eight cots have since been added, viz.: Hilton Convalescent, Belfast 10 St. John V. A. D., Hull 18

Making a total of 239

These hospital cots cost on an average \$130.00 each, or in the aggregate \$31,070.00. We have pleasure in reporting that both the cots in Etaples and also those in the hospitals in the United Kingdom have been continuously maintained by the fund throughout the year. Besides doing this your committee has been enabled to establish and endow a cot in the Royal Flying Corps Hospital, at the cost of £250 sterling, and to give a grant in aid of the Mid-class hospital in return for services rendered by them to Newfoundland soldiers.

A novel feature of the year's work has been the erection of open air shelters, each carrying two beds. These shelters are said to be of inestimable benefit in the case of bad wounds which are difficult to heal. The cost of them is about \$100 each. Six have been established, viz: one in connection with the Dollis Hill Hospital, three at Gifford House and two at Le Treport, France.

During the year we have, at the request of the Chairman of the St. John Ambulance Association, undertaken to support a new ward, containing thirty beds, added to the St. John Brigade Hospital at Etaples, which being near the front receives bad cases only and holds them until able to travel. This gives us two Newfoundland wards there with a total of sixty beds, involving a yearly charge upon our fund of some \$15,000 for their maintenance.

In April last the Military and Naval Convalescent Hospital at Waterford Hall, St. John's, was opened, the local Centre undertaking to support ten cots at an annual cost of \$280.00 each. Within a short time the needs of the institution were such as to require the number to be increased by twenty-two cots. At the request of the Committee in charge, we have assumed the responsibility for the maintenance of these for twelve months. Our total liability to the Convalescent Hospital at Waterford Hall is now \$8,320 for the year.

The following is the Balance Sheet of the Cot Fund, from March 27th, 1917, to February 28th, 1918.

RECEIPTS.	
1917-March 27.	
Balance from 1916-17	\$8,714.72
March 27 to Feb. 28, 1918.	
Subscriptions from all sources	26,354.08

EXPENDITURES	
Telegrams, etc.	\$ 29.70
Remitted to Lord Ranfurly for upkeep of cots in England and France	21,651.98
Paid toward upkeep of cots at Waterford Hall, St. John's	4,420.00
Paid to W. P. A. amount wrongly deposited to Cot Fund	5.00
Balance on Hand	
(a) In cash	\$ 390.77
(b) In Bank	8,571.35
	8,962.12
	\$35,068.80

Examined by me and found correct. (Sgd.) F. C. BRIEN, Auditor Civil Service, 15/6/18.

The accounts for the Cot Fund, together with vouchers are tabled for your perusal. Owing to the absence of Lt. Herbert Outerbridge, and the illness of Mr. W. L. Donnelly, we were unable to avail of the services of either, as Honorary Auditor, but Mr. F. C. Berteau, Auditor General, kindly lent us the services of his second clerk, Mr. E. C. Brien, who carefully examined the accounts and vouchers, and his certificate is attached to the balance sheet. From this balance sheet you will see that we started on March 1st. of this year with a balance of \$9,862.12, since then our funds have been augmented by subscriptions to the amount of \$7,005.41, making in all \$15,967.53. We have disbursed an account of the Cot Fund, in England, France and Waterford Hall \$10,029.64 up to date of this report (June 20th, 1918). We now have on hand a balance of \$5,947.75. It requires more than \$50,000 annually to maintain the hospitals which are now being carried on by this centre. To meet these liabilities requires us to avail ourselves of all our credit balances, with the result that the Cot Fund is now entirely dependent upon its receipts from day to day to sustain the work it has in hand. It is the wish of the governing body of our organization, as expressed us through their Chairman, that we shall continue if possible the maintenance of hospital cots which have been established in the name of Newfoundland, for the full period of the war, and for six months thereafter. The fulfilment of this wish must depend upon the contributions which the fund will henceforth receive from the general public. Not a few individual donors, and many local Committees have assured us of their intention to support for the duration of the war cots bearing their names. There is, however, no liability of any kind resting upon anybody who has subscribed to renew his obligation for any further period. Our hope is that the Com-

mittee generally will continue to give their generous co-operation to us in the very great effort that Newfoundland has taken in providing hospital accommodation for the sick, wounded and injured amongst our fighting forces.

From time to time we have received gratifying evidence of the way in which Newfoundland's generous benefaction has been received. Under date of March 8th, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Ranfurly, Chairman of the Committee, writes again to thank your Committee and enclosed letters as of thanks from hospitals assisted by the fund. One of these is from the Commandant of the Dollis Hill Hospital, Gladstone Park, Cricklewood, N. W., and says:

"The cheque for the six months' maintenance subscription to the 20 beds in the Newfoundland Ward at this hospital, has been received, and I hasten to thank you and all the kind donors in the Dominion for the very substantial help this sum affords. Owing to the rise in price of provisions and all commodities, it is amply, says:

increasingly difficult to keep up the standards of comfort and nourishment for our wounded soldiers, that we set ourselves on starting this hospital, so that all cash contributions are more and more valuable, and we should be very grateful if any further contribution could be made by Newfoundland.

"The Military Authorities have asked us to provide further accommodation and we are endeavouring to raise a capital sum to build another open air Hut Ward on the same plan as the 'Newfoundland,' which is always so greatly admired, both by sanitarians and artists. Only the other day the Medical officers of a Hampstead Auxiliary Hospital were here to see our open-air Wards with a view of having something of the kind added to their hospital, and they were so charmed with 'Newfoundland' in all its aspects, that they went away fully determined to get one as nearly like it as possible."

Another from the Commandant of the Regent's Park Hospital, South London, says:

"Will you please convey to the people of Newfoundland, the sincere thanks of my Committee for their valuable contribution. It is of tremendous help to us in continuing the good work for the sick and wounded men of the British Empire."

Another, from the President of the Woodlands, Southampton, adds:

"We feel very grateful to the people of Newfoundland for their continued kindness in helping us to keep these hospitals going in an efficient manner. The visitors to the hospital notice with great interest the Newfoundland Shields hanging up on the walls, and whenever we get patients from Newfoundland in the Wards it always seems like home to them."

"I know how very much the Newfoundland people are doing for hospital work, and what a tax on their generosity it must be, so I do not want to seem pressing, but if they can see their way to send us a further contribution in September, it will be very much appreciated."

A still later letter says:

"Hospital accommodations in this country are more urgently needed now than ever they were before, and in view of the increased cost of food-stuffs, drugs, dressing, the financial question causes much anxiety to those in authority. You will therefore realize how much we appreciate the assistance given us by the Dominion of Newfoundland."

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) L. E. EMERSON,

Hon. Secretary St. John Ambulance Association.

Hon. Treasurer Newfoundland Cot Fund.

Unskilled Supplication

A Scotch minister was asked to pray for rain and his prayer was followed by such a downpour that the crops were injured. During the storm one old farmer said to another:—"This comes of trusting a request to a meenister who isna acquaintit wi' agriculture."

Boston Transcript.

May 25th, 1918.

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