

It will be my pleasure to supply material for 1,000 garments, to those who are willing to give their work, but have not material and patterns available. This material will make flannelette dresses for infants, woollen underclothes for children from two to eight years old, men's flannel shirts, socks, and children's stockings. A postcard sent to Miss Weller, Assistant Secretary, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St. Catharines, saying how many garments can be made, will result in material and directions being forwarded to the sender free.

Queen Mary, by her unselfish devotion to duty and splendid example, has endeared herself to the women of the Empire at this crisis, and such a New Year's Gift as I have suggested would not only prove that the women of Canada are as ready to serve the Queen as are our brothers to serve the King, but also give to Her Majesty the pleasure of distributing useful garments to the soldiers and sailors, the refugees, the poor and needy, the waifs and strays.

Hoping that the idea of a New Year's Gift to Queen Mary from the women of Canada will meet with a hearty response, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. WELLAND MERRITT,

Honorary Secretary.

Such garments will be used among the men at Salisbury Plain, at the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, England, and to relieve cases of great distress in the Old Country.

The following letters of acknowledgment have been received by the Provincial President in reply to messages of sympathy sent from the I.O.D.E. in the Province:

Kensington Palace, (Clock Court), W.

Miss Minnie Cochrane is desired by Princess Henry of Battenberg to express Her Royal Highness's very grateful thanks for the kind letter of sympathy on her dear son's death sent by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

At this time of deep affliction the Princess feels it very comforting to know so many kind hearts are thinking of and sympathizing with her.

Nov. 24/14.

Englemere, Ascot, Berks.,
November 25th, '14.

Dear Mrs. Croft:

My mother has asked me to write you for her to thank you very much indeed for the telegram from the Imperial Daughters of the Empire, British Columbia, for their most welcome sympathy in our loss.

Believe me we are very grateful.

Yours very truly,

AILEEN ROBERTS.