

10. VOLUNTARY WAR ORGANIZATIONS.

General Statistics.—The following is a summary of gifts for various war purposes from the Federal and Provincial Governments, from municipalities, societies, universities, business houses and other corporations, and from private individuals:—

Canadian Patriotic Fund (to Feb. 28, 1921).....	\$ 48,704,663
Manitoba Patriotic Fund (to March 31, 1918).....	3,957,042
Canadian Red Cross Society (to Dec. 31, 1920)—	
Contributions in cash.....	9,074,208
Gifts in supplies (estimated).....	15,000,000
British Red Cross Society (to Dec. 31, 1919).....	6,250,000
Belgian Relief Fund (to Dec. 19, 1918)—	
Contributions in cash.....	1,642,104
Gifts in supplies (estimated).....	1,512,800
Contributions from Canada to Y.M.C.A. for Military work.....	4,574,821
Gifts from Dominion and Provincial Governments to Government of United Kingdom.....	5,469,316
To the above should be added miscellaneous gifts from various sources for many objects. These include contributions for the equipment and maintenance of hospitals overseas and in Canada, to the French, Serbian, and Polish Relief Funds, to numerous associations for the supply of field comforts to troops overseas, and for the care of returned soldiers. These contributions, together with other gifts for various patriotic purposes, on a conservative estimate amount to.....	
	8,000,000
Total.....	\$ 104,184,954

Of the various war organizations working in Canada, or among Canadian troops overseas, the most extensive in their operations were the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the Canadian Red Cross Society, and the Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A.

Canadian Patriotic Fund.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund is a national organization (covering all the provinces except Manitoba, which for this purpose was organized separately), the object of which was to give assistance where necessary to the dependent relatives, in Canada, of Allied soldiers and sailors on active service in the present war. The fund is administered locally through committees serving gratuitously. The committees act on general instructions from headquarters, and are given discretionary powers as regards the approval of applications and the amount of grants. The