

**Statement of the Newfoundland Patriotic Asso.**

The Patriotic Fund is not designed to take the place of the pensions which it is understood will be provided by the State for those of our defenders who may suffer partial or total disablement, or for the widows or other dependents of those who may lose their lives while on active service.

The object of the Patriotic Fund, as stated in the original appeal to the public, is "that it will be applied primarily in making provision for the dependent relatives of those who undertake to fight the battles of the country and the Empire by land and sea, and afterwards to such other objects connected therewith as may be deemed desirable."

It having been represented that it would be well if this statement of the objects of the Fund were amplified so that there might be no misunderstanding as to the purposes for which the money was to be utilized, the Patriotic Association referred to the Trustees of the Patriotic Fund the framing of such an amplified statement, the Trustees having prepared a draft form, presented it to the Association at its meeting on March 29th, when it was approved, and thus given official authority, in the following terms:

The objects of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund are:

- 1.—To augment, if possible, the resources of the families of Volunteers and Reservists, who have gone on active service, where such families are unable to adequately maintain themselves without such aid.
- 2.—To assist, if possible, men invalided from active service until they can secure employment, or until the State makes provision for them by

pension or otherwise.

- 3.—To assist, if possible, widows and other dependents of those who lose their lives while on active service, until they become the beneficiaries of legislative enactment.
- 4.—To afford help, if possible, in such cases as do not come within the scope of legislative enactment, but which have a moral claim upon the generosity of the public.

As a more detailed statement of the precise effects of these clauses may be of value in making clear to the public what is intended, this memorandum has been prepared with that object in view, and it elaborates them thus:

With respect to the first clause above set out, help is being given to families of Volunteers and Reservists where such families are in need. In this course the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund is pursuing the same policy as is being pursued in the Mother Country and in the Dominion of Can-

ada. In Great Britain the Fund is known as the Prince of Wales Fund, and has already reached a total of nearly 5 million pounds (25 million dollars.) Out of this sum there has been distributed, up to the first of March, according to cablegrams to the Canadian press, a sum of approximately \$7,000,000 for the relief of distress among the families of soldiers and sailors, the total number of households relieved being 500,000 and grants being made through other channels to 7,000 widows, 11,000 children, and 3,000 other dependents of soldiers and sailors who have died. In Canada as with us, the Fund is known as the Patriotic Fund, and an official statement supplied by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. B. Ames, states that in January some 10,000 families were being helped, and the outlay was at the rate of \$6,000 per day. In Nova Scotia, last month, some 623 families were being relieved and in New Brunswick more than 400. In Newfoundland, so far, help has been given to nearly ninety families and almost 70 of these are in receipt of regular monthly allowances, while the applications are being received nearly every day.

Under the second clause, the work of the Fund will not become effective until men begin to be sent back to the Colony from the Regiment or the Naval Reserve, invalided home through illness or injury. Then, such men will be assisted during their period of recovery, and in cases where they may have to claim upon the State for pensions, the Fund will care for them until such pensions are provided.

Under the third clause, the Fund is already assisting dependents of some of the Naval Reservists who went down with the warships *Viktor*, *Cian*, *McNaughton* and *Alyano*; and, as further information regarding other families is received, relief will be afforded to them, this being continued until provision is made for pensions where such are allowed, and in other cases, as circumstances justify. With respect to the fourth category it is impossible to more than indicate some of the various classes of cases which will have to be considered, and which will require the activities of the Fund to be continued for years. The outstanding ones are:

- (a)—Men who suffer in their eyesight, or hearing, or lose limbs in the war, may require artificial eyes, aids to hearing, or artificial limbs; and men with spinal trouble may require other mechanical aids; and the Patriotic Fund will have to consider the providing and possibly the renewing of these from time to time.
- (b)—Men who return from active service partially disabled may find their condition become such after

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some years that the pensions provided for them may have to be supplemented from the Patriotic Fund.

(c)—Children who may be orphaned to such other provision as is made for them.

(d)—Aged parents, or other relatives, or foster-mothers or guardians, may require assistance where no other aid is available, or to supplement such.

Very many other contingencies, which it is impossible to set out in detail, are certain to arise here as they are arising in the Mother Country now and as they arose there after the South African war; and these can only be dealt with according to the circumstances of each case.

In Great Britain, there is in existence what is known as the Royal Patriotic Fund, whose operations have continued from the time of the South African war up to the present, in caring for wounded soldiers of that war, and dependents of others who died during that struggle or since; and the same condition of things will probably prevail in this country after the present war ends, and call for like treatment.

The Newfoundland Patriotic Fund totals thus far, roundly, \$91,000, and in view of the many claims likely to be made upon it we trust that all men who can see their way clear to contributing towards enlarging it will do so as generously as their circumstances will permit.

(Sgd.)—M. P. CASHIN, Vice-Chairman.  
(Sgd.)—JOHN S. MUNN, Hon. Treasurer.  
(Sgd.)—P. T. McGRATH, Hon. Secretary.

**CANADIAN PRESS ON THE WAR**

**Mail and Empire.**—Enlisting in the fourth contingent is about ready to start. Lloyd George says that to finance it may be the last million that will count in Britain's favor. It may also be the last British army that will turn the military scale.

**Montreal Gazette.**—This is "metal week" in Germany, and the school children are bringing old metals from their homes so that they may be handed to the War Office for use in making war materials. The fact is full of significance, for it indicates that the Germans face a shortage of a most necessary article.

**Kingston Standard.**—It is rather difficult to harmonize the complaint of the United States that Great Britain is interfering with her trade when the returns show that in January over 30 per cent. more goods were shipped than in the same month last year. Moreover, the balance of trade against the States has been wiped out, and large credits abroad are forming.

**Toronto World.**—"The Germans, far from being a superman, is a very ordinary type of individual. He is not, indeed, a master who commands his own soul, but the victim of a system contrived by more efficient minds and designed not to make men, but automatons. Germany had produced philosophers and musicians of acknowledged genius, but with these exceptions Germans have shown little creative ability."

"Who is that lady dressed in black, mother?" asked Bobby, as he sat with his mother on a trolley car.  
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