

**METROPOLITAN LIFE'S WELFARE WORK.**

The supervision of the Metropolitan Life of New York's nursing service, in the field by the company's field supervisors, it is pointed out in the annual report of the welfare work of that Company, is leading to wide-spread results, as this supervision is now linking the welfare work of the Metropolitan with that of other agencies, public and private, seeking to promote the cause of public health and general community service and brings the Company into close touch with public health officers, boards of education and other public bodies and provides it with valuable data in regard to community conditions, prevailing diseases, hospital facilities, possibilities of co-operation, and other matters.

The Metropolitan co-operated with the authorities of New York City in the investigation made last year with regard to unemployment, securing valuable information through its agency force which interviewed 156,000 families within two weeks. It co-operated in the same manner in a number of other cities, in which over 650,000 families covering over 3,000,000 persons were interviewed.

It also assisted during the year in 247 clean-up campaigns in various cities, distributed enormous numbers of its welfare pamphlets, not only among policyholders, but to health officers, hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, physicians, etc., as well as to over four hundred schools. It has installed exhibits at various expositions, established a Veteran Policyholders' League and a Health and Happiness League, given emergency relief to policyholders and in other ways contributed to the spread of a knowledge of social hygiene among the masses of the nation. The whole report constitutes most interesting evidence of the valuable social work being carried on by this Company, not only among its policyholders, but the public generally.

**INCREASE IN BANK CLEARINGS.**

Bank clearings for May at the three leading Canadian centres show a large increase over May, 1915. Montreal clearings of \$333,428,627 represent a record turnover and stand \$129,810,192, or 63.7 per cent. higher than the total of May, 1915. The month's total of \$230,467,743 at Toronto also constituted a new high record and made a gain of \$80,000,000, or slightly more than 53 per cent. over last year. Last month's Winnipeg total of \$169,187,263 stands \$7,565,122, or 82 per cent. above last year.

**THE OVERSEAS CLUB TOBACCO FUND.**

The appeal from the trenches is insistent: "Smokes! Smokes! Send us Smokes!" is the cry that is always to be heard: in every letter that reaches the Over-Seas Club from the front it is apparent. Tobacco is one of the few things that gives men happiness during the weary days, weeks and months of waiting. It is a source of real companionship. By sending tobacco to the troops through the Over-Seas Club Tobacco Fund instead of in your own way you derive remarkable advantages. For every quarter subscribed a lad at the front will receive 50 good Canadian cigarettes, one-fifth of a pound of Canadian manufactured tobacco, a packet of matches and a postcard on which he may thank the donor. This parcel, if bought in a shop and posted in the ordinary way would cost nearly a dollar. So four times the value of the quarter is obtained by sending it to the Overseas Club Tobacco Fund. Send a contribution to any post office or any branch of one of the leading banks.

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