

Mutt and Jeff--And Now All Jeff Has To Do Is To Walk Back To France

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PATRIOTIC FUND; AN EXPLANATION

Facts That Are Timely and Should Be Known By Every Citizen

The Patriotic Fund is just now very much in the public eye, and in spite of the generous effort to supplement its funds, there is a certain amount of criticism of it and its administration. Just why this should be is not apparent to those in touch with its working system, as they are not finding any greater difficulties, nor having any more troubles than have always been theirs.

The process of "getting on the fund" is a simple one. When war was declared and the first contingent of Canadian soldiers mobilized, it was decided by the people of the various Canadian cities and towns to which the soldiers belonged, to make an effort to give during their absence, some financial assistance to their families or dependants. The Patriotic Fund was the result of this idea. To facilitate its administration in St. John as well as in other Canadian cities, this plan was adopted. A women's committee was formed, an auxiliary to the general administration board. From this committee a convenor was chosen for each of the city's wards, with, to help her, as many assistants as she may require. Where a man enlists his name is sent to the secretary of the fund, C. B. Allan, who notifies the convenor of the ward in which the man lives, or in which his family are, asking for a report on the case as speedily as possible.

The convenor or visitor takes with her a set of papers containing a number of printed questions, which have to be filled out by the applicant for assistance. From these is learned the former occupation of the enlisted man, whether he is married or not, who are dependent upon him, what are the family sources of income, the number of persons in the family, their earning capacity, age, physical conditions, extent of certain expenses, rent, for instance, the amount contributed toward the family living by the enlisted man, the church connection, the amount of assigned pay made to the applicant by the soldier and so on. To this report the visitor signs her name with that of the applicant below the following line: "I declare the above statement is correct." The name of some other person is also required by the visitor as a reference from whom a further knowledge of the applicant is ascertained. This name is generally that of a clergyman, a physician, or of the man for whom the enlisted man had worked, or had had business relations. Of course other names are given, but these are in the majority. The visitor then investigates the case, verifying the statements of the applicant, and on the back of one of the forms, writes under the word "in-

vestigated," a full statement of the case, and also a recommendation for assistance if, in her judgment, the facts established justify such a recommendation. One of the considerations entering into her decision and summing up of the case, is whether or not the applicant family with which she is dealing would be in want were there no Patriotic Fund. These papers are handed to the secretary of the Patriotic Fund and by him placed before the board of management, which finally decides upon the merits of the case. Not infrequently the visitor or the convenor of the ward, is called before the committee to answer fully any question that may arise in the minds of those present regarding the integrity of the applicant, the truthfulness of statements or the thoroughness of the investigation. Many difficulties are encountered in cases, and at times a rigid examination of affairs will reveal a different state of conditions from that first ascertained. The assistance is based on a standard of living set by the organization at Ottawa, and by a pro rata scale adopted now all over the dominion, that gives about the following amounts:

Per Month	Per Month
Wife on her own account—estimated at \$1 per day	\$30.00
Allowance for one child—between ten and fifteen years of age, at \$6c per day	7.50
Allowance for one child—between five and ten years of age at 10c per day	4.50
Allowance for one child—under five years of age, at 10c per day	3.00
*Compassionate Allowance	8.00
Amount required to maintain family	\$45.00
Deduct:—	
(a) Amount of separation allowance, estimated at \$2 shillings and 4d. per day	\$17.10
(b) Wages paid family by former employer	
(c) Earnings of members of family	
(d) All other sources of income	
Total	\$17.10
Gross amount required to maintain family	\$45.00
Deductions amounting to	17.10
Net amount chargeable to Canadian Patriotic Fund (per month)	\$27.90

In the case of some dependants the amount of assistance is influenced by the necessity and by the amount contributed regularly to the family support by the soldier previous to his enlistment. Of course these are not arbitrary rules, but, generally speaking they indicate the lines along which the fund works. Compassionate allowance is the name under which, in times of extreme need, sickness, an accident or some such temporary occurrence, an extra grant is made. The idea of the fund is to assist the families and the dependants of the soldiers, not to provide for their entire support. From the fact that the secretary of the Patriotic Fund, and the visitors as well, have to take up any questions regarding assigned pay, separation

allowance and pensions with the families of local soldiers, a confusion very often arises in the minds of the people, especially those receiving assistance from the fund. The Patriotic Fund does not control these; they belong to the militia, and are controlled at Ottawa. The Patriotic officials, however, to facilitate matters, and because they are in close touch with the families of the soldiers, and because there is no other department to handle these matters, take up, with those who wish it, any question concerning these subjects. For the same reason complaints made at Ottawa by local dependants are investigated for the militia paymaster by members of the local patriotic board.

To go back to the matter of confusing the various sources of income. Take, for instance, a wife receiving assigned pay from her husband, separation allowance from the government and assistance from the Patriotic Fund—there are three sources of income of which she knows very often only the one fact and that is, that it all represents to her, her soldier's pay.

The assigned pay does not arrive on the expected day, if the separation allowance is a day late, she at once tells her visitor, or informs the patriotic secretary that she is not getting her money. As a rule the secretary asks for a prompt investigation, but even when the word has gone forth that Mrs. So-and-so did not get any money this month, and an understanding is taken at once assumes that it is the Patriotic Fund that is at fault. This is a common occurrence. Assigned pay means to be a law unto itself, that is, after the compulsory allowance of \$15.00 per month made to a wife is accounted for it ceases when a man is killed, discharged or desert; separation allowance ceases for the same reason. The patriotic assistance also ceases for these reasons, but where the other monies cease at once, the Patriotic Fund continues its aid until the family or the individual is recipient of a pension—if it does not leave them in want—a condition that could not arise if the assigned pay was banked as Sir Herbert Ames has urged it to be, against just such contingencies. Sometimes the assigned pay is a wife or mother are suspended for various reasons—a man missing, perhaps wounded, someone engaged to another regiment, sometimes becoming a voluntary member of another company or stands by the family of that man. "It is this knowledge that keeps us here without worry," a man wrote home at the front recently.

Another item that is causing a certain amount of discussion has to do with the revision of the list. No child over 15 is provided for. A child of 14 that is allowed assistance last year—1914—must now, at the expiration of a year of war be taken off the list. If a child of that age is finishing a school term, discretionary powers are allowed the board.

Complaints regarding the distribution of the funds have now been reduced to three departments—1. From those who are not eligible; 2. From those who claim that they are entitled to more money; 3. From those who claim that the fund is not fairly administered.

Every complaint that is made is investigated and the result so far has been that the action of the board was shown to be the only course possible. The members of the board and visitors have taken excellent care of the families on enlistment. The work is conscientiously undertaken and well carried out. The assistance from the fund is given practically at once—within a week at most and sometimes sooner. This should be borne in mind as in the other sources of income, assigned pay and separation allowance, the money is not available for a month at least after the soldier enlists.

The families under the care of the Patriotic Fund are regularly visited and the relations between visitor and family are most pleasant. Assistance of all kinds is given and received. Relations have been established that are generally beneficial. Persons who were outside the working of the organization and who apparently had no idea that the Patriotic Fund is an auxiliary fund, whose function is not to support the family or dependant of the soldier but to assist in making them more comfortable, and happier during his absence by lessening the monetary loss his enlistment entails upon his family.

Be early at the auction tonight! There's going to be a crowd.

John Edmonston, aged forty-six, of New Lexington, O., has entered Ohio State University with his son, John, Jr. The father is the oldest student in the university. Last June both graduated from the High School, the elder having made up sufficient work to get his diploma, which he failed to secure some twenty years ago.

Real estate—local and outside lots, to be sold Friday night at the Patriotic Auction.

ROMAN MEAL
A FOOD THAT PREVENTS INDIGESTION RELIEVES CONSTIPATION

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

M 1463—Armstrong, Jas. G., residence 128 St. James.
M 1468—Adams, C. W., residence 68 Colburn.
M 2272-21—Barnhill, Mrs. W. F., residence 78 Sydney.
M 2407-21—Brown, C. Winter, residence 170 Camarthen.
M 2176-11—Barnes, Mrs. Marion L., residence 278 Princess.
W 143 21—Beveridge, H. C., residence Manawagonish Road.
M 1634-41—Briggs, C., residence 343 Union.
M 339-41—Bonnell, R. C., residence 11 Harding.
M 2382-31—Bain, Miss M., residence 15 Sewell.
M 1038-41—Beatty, Wm. X., residence 28 Wright.
M 2175-11—Berry, H. E., residence 45 Victoria.
M 984-11—Bowman, F. L., residence 9 Prospect.
M 335—Brown, E. Clinton, residence 60 Mecklenburg.
M 2167—Cargill, F. B., residence 155 King street east.
M 2044—Campbell, E., residence 47 Hazen.
M 2034—Crawford, E. S., residence 32 Summer.
M 2416—Daniel, F. W., residence 116 Westworth.
M 2337-22—Dykeman, F. A., residence 271 Princess, number changed from M 1547-21.
W 339-41—Darling, W. E., residence Fairville Plateau.
M 1215-11—Dills, G. D., residence 80 Orange.
M 947-41—Everett, H. D., residence 37 Brans.
M 2489-31—Fowler, Charles, residence 337½ Main.
M 147-41—Foster, J. S., residence 222 Princess.
M 1700-31—French, A. W., residence 28 Wagner.
M 2147-31—Fairweather, Mrs. C. H., residence 36 Camarthen.
M 1229-42—Hastie, Mrs. John, residence 222 Princess.
M 1598-21—Hayward, W. H., residence 32 Queen Square.
M 1833-11—Henderson, J. C., residence 218 Union.
M 1829-21—Lavis, Rev. V. R., Stone church, Carleton.
W 212-41—Knowlton, Mrs. B. M., residence 173 Duke, W. E.
M 2055—Lynn, H. A., residence 231 Princess.
M 1689-21—Mereson, J. W., residence 43 Elliott Row.
M 1897-31—Miles, Geo., residence 9 Douglas avenue.
M 1222—McClelland, David, residence 65 Mecklenburg.
W 204-11—McCowan, Wm. M., residence Manawagonish Road.
M 2550-41—Pidgeon, D. F., residence 236 Goodrich.
W 122-11—Percey, J. K., residence Manawagonish Road.
M 2440—Presbyterian Synod, St. Andrew's church.
M 2295—Robinson, W. L., residence 198 Waterloo.
M 1837—Robinson, Mrs. R. D., residence 181 Elliott Row.
M 1834-41—Rennett, R. J., residence 243 Duke, number changed from M 283-41.
M 1270-41—Ring, Mrs. Lena P., residence 42 Cliff.
M 1869—Scammell, J. K., office Bank B. N. A. building.
M 1295-11—Sancton, S. N., residence 165 Princess.
M 1908-11—Stanton, J. A., residence 28 Albert, number changed from M 2330-41, Waterloo street.
M 822—Stanton, A. H., residence 20 Summer, number changed from M 2115-21, Brookville.
M 2116-21—Sinclair, R. A., residence 218 King street east.
M 108-11—Splane, J. B., residence 238 Dale.
M 1036—Smith, E. A., residence 47 Carleton.
M 1925-41—Stelzer, W. A., residence 26 Paradise Row.
M 12—St. Vincent's Infants' Home, 116 Colburn.
M 1666-11—Simonds, W. A., residence 207 Rockland Road.
M 1884-22—Snee, C. Stanley, residence 818 Rockland Road.
M 975-11—Simpson, T. E., residence 73 Dorchester.
M 480—Tilley, Lady, residence 223 Germain.
M 1817-41—Townshend, F. E., residence 10 Spruce.
M 2335-41—Trueman, T. P., residence 185 Princess.
M 118-21—Whelpley, A. E., residence 6 Wall.
M 2003—Willan, L. B., residence Alexandra.
M 2101—Warburton, W. C., residence 119 Princess.
M 2825-11—Young, Sidney C., residence 304 Princess.
R 3—Barrister, Mrs. Marie H., residence Rotheray.
R 19-51—Petherstone, J. C., residence Rotheray.
R 31-61—Morton, H. S., residence Renforth.
R 74—Peters, Miss J., graduate nurse, Rotheray, changed from 25-71.

The schools were almost deserted on Peaks Island, Me., when it became known that a motion picture company was paying fifty cents to every child who would be a "movie" actor for a day. Many adults profited also, the offer being \$1 to every adult who would take part.

Everybody's Duty!

To Buy Something This Week, Great or Small, at the

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Queen's and St. Andrew's Rinks

There is nothing worth mentioning that you cannot purchase. Every citizen must feel he owes an obligation to the boys now fighting his battles overseas and also to the dear ones that they left at home. He can fulfill that obligation by buying something at the auction, for no matter what his purchase is the money goes to the

Patriotic Fund

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Queen's Rink, 3.30 p.m.—English retriever and pups; Boston bull terrier, 4 p.m.—A pretty pony and pony outfit; a loveable donkey and donkey outfit.

8 to 8.30 p.m.—50,000 feet of lumber, 175,000 shingles, 10,000 bricks, 41 pine doors, 500 feet hardwood flooring; 8.30 p.m., 80 tons coal, hard and soft; several loads hardwood, 10 loads pitch pine and oak blocks.

St. Andrew's Rink, 2-6 and 7-10 all departments, groceries, hardware, drugs, stationery, shoes, dry goods, furniture, fancy work, art, china; everyone knows now the bargains that are going! Be early today.

7 to 8 p.m.—Special Sportsman's Sale, shot-guns, rifles, canoes, fishing tackle, etc.

8.30 p.m.—Sale of patriotic pumpkin souvenirs.

And Too Many Other Things to Mention! Come and Bid!

Friday, Queen's Rink—Barrels, box s, crates and sacks of country produce from 11-12, 3-4, and 7.30 to 8.30.

St. Andrew's Rink, afternoon—Auction from all departments. 8.15 p.m., bargains in pianos; 8.30, sale of office specialties and gasoline engines; 8.45, real estate, local and suburban lots; 9 p.m., special nautical cup for yachtsmen.

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To fit an artificial bone.

"That cripple now can climb. 'It works all right,' our critic said. 'It seems to be about a fit. But Doctor, tell me, does it pay? What are you getting out of it?' Wounded, a simple soldier lay, Whose praise was loudly sung. He nursed his men and saved the day. 'Twas told by every tongue. 'You saved the corps,' our old friend said. F.F.—In Boston Transcript.

"I hear you checked the rout of it."

"But say, my boy, does it pay? What are you getting out of it?" He added to this wide world's woes, Full many years gone by. He saw Elijah when he rose Into the deep blue sky. He craned his neck and loudly cried, "You sure can see about a bit! But 'Lilah, say, does it pay? 'What are you getting out of it?" F.F.—In Boston Transcript.



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