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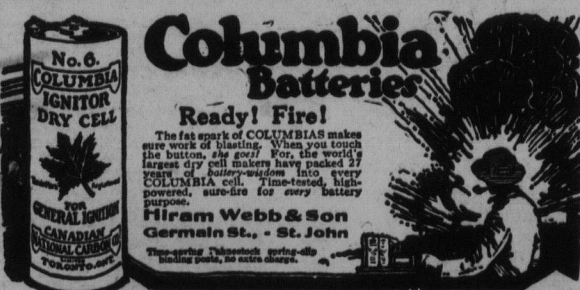
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WORK OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

As Shown at Monthly Meeting of Local Branch.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Goods Sent to Headquarters — Recommendation to Make Comfort Bag.

There is no greater evidence of the wide divergence of interest that find a common cause in the work of the Red Cross than to read down the lists of donations submitted by the secretary of the Local Branch, Miss Alice K. Walker, at a monthly meeting. From ten cents, the allowance of a small boy, generously given, to the sum of \$200, given by the ladies of Catholic Red Cross, is a far cry, but the distance between is filled by sums of money representing in every way an earnest spirit of sacrifice and of generous appreciation of the needs of the hospitals. At the regular monthly meeting, held on Monday afternoon in the Depot Rooms on Chipman's Hill, the financial report was perhaps the most interesting of the many interesting reports read. The president, Mrs. John A. McAvity, was in the chair, and the attendance was unusually large. The important business of the meeting was the decision to ratify the suggestion of the executive that \$1,000 be sent to Headquarters from the Local Branch, in addition to the \$300, which is a regular monthly contribution from the St. John Red Cross. The need for money is very great, as the demands upon all supplies, hospitals, casualty clearing stations, rest houses and so on are now more insistent than at any other time during the past two years. Every effort must be made to meet all demands. The Canadian Red Cross, it was announced, had been able to supply French and Russian hospitals, and a letter to the Hospital Comforts Department stated that a number of things sent from St. John had been forwarded directly to Russia. Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, representing Catholic Red Cross, made a valuable little speech, at the conclusion of which she gave the society \$300, the proceeds from the sale of tickets, one of which provided a home for Miss Canada, a lovely doll that was dressed and presented to the society for a patriotic purpose by Miss Colgan. Another donation was from Mr. and Mrs. Burden, Lonsdale Farm, who sent "a free gift" of \$200. It was decided to thank Mrs. Burden a life member of the St. John Red Cross as an appreciation of the very many generous gifts she has made to the society and sailors through the sum of this branch.

On motion it was decided to take up as a special work the making of comfort bags, which are urgently asked for from headquarters. This was left to Mrs. F. S. White, convener of needlework, who appointed Mrs. Alfred Morrissey to take it in charge with Mrs. White. It was also decided to ask that no more bottles be sent to the Local Depot, the request for these now being filled. The reports from the various departments showed that the returns this month were below the average, but as there is no diminution in the output of material, the reason for this is accounted for by the number of workers now out of town. The convener of needlework, Mrs. F. S. White, reported that during July \$32.64 had been spent for material in this department; 17 parcels containing 697 finished articles, being received. The total number of articles received was 2,018, which included 180 suits of pyjamas, 14 sheets, 42 bed shirts, 10 handkerchiefs, 24 quilts, 12 dressing gowns, 57 operation stockings, as well as a number of smaller articles, towels, handkerchiefs, bedside bags, and so on. The donations to this department include:

Warnerford District, Norton, per Mrs. Stephen Fairweather—65 towels, 25 face cloths, 17 slings, 14 bandages, 62 handkerchiefs.
Women's Institute, Albert, Mrs. I. C. Prescott—1 quilt, made by lady 80 years of age.
Women's Institute, Fredericton Junction, per Mrs. S. L. Currie—68 face cloths, 24 bandages, 98 mouth wipes.
Never Despair Division, Welsford, per E. J. Douglas—14 sheets.
Connell Red Cross, Florenceville, per Mrs. W. S. Stickney—2 hospital shirts.
Cathedral Circle, per Mrs. James Gerow—1 roll adhesive plaster (wide).
Mrs. David Martin, St. Leonards, N. B.—37 pillow slips.
Nurses' Red Cross, per Miss E. A. Addy—2 bed shirts, 20 face cloths.
Mrs. Robt. Milligan, Hazen street—42 (k) face cloths.
Women's Patriotic League, Hillsboro, per Mrs. C. J. Osman—11 quilts, 30 operation stockings, 8 pairs slippers, 4 pads, 2 feather pillows, 4 field shirts, 8 kits (each containing 1 pajama suit, 1 pair socks, 1 pair bed-socks, 1 brush and comb, 1 tooth brush and paste, 1 cake shaving soap, 1 writing pad, envelopes and pencil, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 wash cloths, 2 towels and 1 sponge).
Donations to Hospital Comforts packed by Mrs. G. K. McLeod:
St. Stephen's Church Circle, per Mrs. Thos. Graham—5 pairs writers, 1 pair socks, 1 trench cap, 3 scarves.
Cathedral Circle, per Mrs. T. L. Coughlan—2 pairs socks.
Mrs. Snodgrass—1 pair socks.
Seal Cove Branch, Mrs. E. Green—34 pairs socks.
Connell Red Cross, Mrs. W. S.

SUGAR REFINERIES CO. DENIES PROTESTING TAXES

General Manager Writes Common Council that Letter of July 20 to Assessors was Misconstrued — Com. Russell Gives Notice of Motion Relative to Survey of Harbor, Revision of Rates and Regulations.

At the meeting of the City Council, held yesterday afternoon, a communication was read from the Atlantic Sugar Refineries Company, complaining that a survey of the harbor, including Courtenay Bay, and a revision of rates and regulations governing the harbor be made at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 2 o'clock, all the members being present.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported payments for the month of July amounting to \$78,637.90 as certified by the comptroller. The report was adopted.

The commissioner of public works reported that he had considered the offer of the commissioners of the Tucker Park to allow the city to use the barn on the property for storage purposes if they would shingle the roof and recommended that the proposal be not accepted as the department could not use the barn. He also recommended that the N. B. Telephone Co. be given permission to move a pole on Waterloo street. The recommendations were adopted.

The commissioner of harbors and fisheries and public lands recommended that a renewal lease of lot 950 in Guys Ward, for 7 years from May 1, 1914, be issued to Frank Garson at \$14.30 per annum, being an increase of ten per cent. on the present rental; that the chamberlain pay to the Canadian Pacific Railway \$590.21 for work done on South Rodney Wharf and \$437.77 for work done on Union Wharf, West Side, and that a bill for half the amount be sent to the Department of Marine and Fisheries as per agreement with the department. Adopted.

The proposal to lease two lots on the West Side to W. E. Scully was laid over until Thursday.

A communication from G. Arthur Doyle, in regard to sewer backing up on his property in Portland Place, was referred to the commissioner of water and sewerage and the city solicitor.

Sugar Refineries Not Protesting

The following letter was read from the Atlantic Sugar Refineries:

July 31, 1916.
To the Chamberlain of the City of St. John.

I have yours of July 27, enclosing bill for school taxes for years 1915-16, and advising that you referred the matter of July 20 to the board of assessors. I noticed in the St. John papers the remarks of Commissioner McElliott before the council wherein he stated that we had protested payment of the Patriotic Fund tax. This is not in accord with the facts.

Stickney, Florenceville, N. B.—15 pairs socks.

Girls in Royal Hotel—4 mufflers.

Mrs. Hallamore—5 pairs socks.

Mrs. Lawson, De Monts street, W. B.—4 pairs socks.

Mrs. A. O. Skinner—3 pairs socks.

Nurses' Red Cross, per Miss Addy—7 pairs socks.

W. I. Hoyt, Mrs. L. Herridge—21 pairs socks.

Women's Patriotic League, Hillsboro, per Mrs. C. J. Osman—24 pairs socks.

Two boxes packed in this department.

An acknowledgment was received in this department from Mrs. Eleanor McLaren Brown, secretary of the Ladies' Committee of the Canadian War Contingent Association, London, stating that five cases containing socks, shirts, etc., had been received for which the grateful thanks of the association were conveyed to all who worked for the C. W. C. A.

Mrs. Heber Vroom reported a total of 598 socks received in the knitting department. Four boxes were packed, 300 pounds of yarn had been purchased and the output of yarn promised a large return in a month or so.

Miss Lillian Hazen, for the St. John Ambulance Association, reported that a class in First Aid to the Injured was held in July, Dr. Dunlop being the instructor and Dr. Logie the examiner. Miss Cummings and Miss Alice Morgan led with 30 marks; Miss Coll second with 27; Miss Faith Henderson, Mrs. Dummer, Miss Reynolds, Miss Hazen also passed a highly creditable examination. Miss Hazen called attention to the fact that the St. John Ambulance Brigade is asking for assistant nurses to work in the hospitals in England, and that as these nurses must have certificates in First Aid and Home Nursing, an opportunity is offered through the classes opening next month in the city. A class will also be formed at Rothesay, already the names of seven members of the V. A. D. who have duly qualified for service in the hospitals overseas have been forwarded to Ottawa.

Miss Frances Stetson, for the Committee on Conservation, reported that the work was progressing favorably many citizens sending in waste paper to the warehouses. Miss Edith Skinner, who has taken charge of the monthly subscription lists, was added to the executive of the Local Red Cross. The secretary, Miss Alice K. Walker, read the following list of donations during July:

St. Luke's Circle, \$10.00

Willing Workers, per Mrs. Tom, \$25.00

Norton, \$25.00

with the facts as there is no intention whatever in our letter of July 20 asking how the total of our taxes was arrived at, that we protested payment of any part of same nor do we protest payment at this time. The tax bill rendered for 1915 was \$2,600.14, which was approximately the amount agreed upon between the city and ourselves. The tax for 1916, without the Patriotic Tax, is only \$1,985.10 and if we are supposed to pay \$3,000 per year exclusive of that for patriotic purposes the bill rendered is not right. It was merely to ascertain how you arrived at the amount that we wrote you as we did on July 20 and we feel that an explanation of the matter was due us in the ordinary way instead of being misrepresented as it was in the public press. We also feel that the true facts in this case are entitled to as much publicity as the misleading and unwarranted ones were given last week.

Yours,
L. R. WILSON, General Manager.

Commissioner McElliott said he would like to say a few words as he was mentioned in the communication. He thought they were begging the question as the tax bill bore on the face of it what the extra amount was for and he still felt that they tried to repudiate the Patriotic Tax. He also felt that a corporation which seemed to keep as close an eye on matters would not have allowed any legislation to go through the provincial house which was likely to affect them without knowing something about it and wondered why if they were anxious as they professed to be that the city should get all it was entitled to that they had not called the attention of the chamberlain to the fact that they were not billed for the school tax last year. He also referred to the steamer Empress and said that while it was true that she was only licensed to carry 400 passengers she was capable of carrying 800 and should be equipped with wireless.

For Harbor Survey.

Commissioner Russell gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move the following resolution:

Resolved, "That a survey be immediately undertaken covering the whole of Saint John harbor, including Courtenay Bay, with a comprehensive report on all the properties, whether owned by the city, government, corporation or private individuals, together with a report on valuation and finally a unified plan of development of all of the harbor and railroad facilities, with a thorough revision of dock and port charges and regulations, so that a completed scheme of harbor development might be outlined looking to a unity of all interests on a broader basis than now possible under the present conditions." Consent not to exceed \$5,000.

Willing Workers, Portland Methodist church, \$10.00

Gagetown Red Cross, per Miss Estabrooks, \$15.00

F. Chipman Schofield, \$1.50

Miss E. Rowe, \$2.00

Mrs. P. R. Inches, \$15.00

Alumnae, St. John High School, \$38.00

Serbian Fund, \$75.00

Friends at Loch Lomond, per Mrs. Barker, \$5.00

Mrs. Reed, \$5.00

Hiram White, \$2.00

W. S. Stickney, \$7.00

Mrs. Herridge (Hoyt), \$15.00

J. S. Harding, \$5.00

Thomas Walker, Jr., \$1.00

W. D. Walker, Jr., \$1.00

Lillian McCaw, \$1.00

W. J. Ambrose, \$5.00

Edmundston Red Cross, \$5.00

Proceeds from circus—Audrey Rankin, Constance Watson, Edith Wilcox, \$2.25

Rev. C. W. Pollett, \$1.00

Band of Hope, Burnside, \$4.00

Mrs. H. H. Wilcox (Westfield), \$10.00

Busy Bees (Whitehead), \$5.00

Mr. Gagey (Whitehead), \$1.00

Mrs. Parker (Whitehead), \$1.00

Sale at Sandhill, \$6.65

St. John Girls' Club, emp. on Candy Co., \$4.00

Mrs. A. P. Macintyre, \$2.00

Mrs. H. E. Wardrop, \$5.00

P. C. Robinson, \$20.00

Miss Hennigan, \$1.00

Stone Church Red Cross, \$25.00

Seal Cove, Grand Manan, \$5.00

Harvey Patriotic League, \$5.00

A Friend, \$25.00

Hoyt Women's Institute, \$19.99

Mrs. D. H. Nase, \$1.00

Centenary R. C. Circle, per Mrs. Frank Skinner, \$10.00

Sale of dolls made by Miss Cornin, per Women's Canadian

A VETERAN OF FRENCH ARMY IN THE CITY

Corporal Cambray of St. Pierre Was Wounded in the Battle of Arras—Now Recovered and Going Back.

A soldier wearing the blue uniform of the French infantry attracted no little attention as he walked around the city streets yesterday. While in conversation with a Standard reporter he said he was Joseph Cambray and that he was a corporal in the 129th French infantry. He was wounded on Sept. 25th in the battle of Arras. Corporal Cambray has been on a furlough to his home in St. Pierre, Miquelon, and having fully recovered from his wounds is returning to the firing line, where he will resume his duty.

The hero states that all the men in St. Pierre who are physically fit have given up their employment and have enlisted in the French army.

OBITUARY.

Miss Clara B. McFarlane. After a few days' illness Miss Clara B. McFarlane, of 282 Union street, passed away last evening. The deceased was held in esteem by a large circle of friends who will be sorry to hear of her demise. Miss McFarlane was a daughter of the late Robert McFarlane and leaves two sisters, Mrs. A. E. Douglas and Miss Margaret, both of St. John. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

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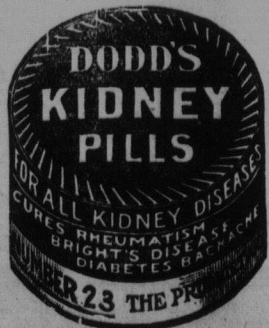
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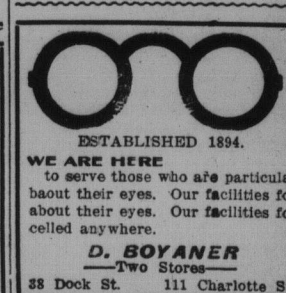
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