

scows from Peace River Crossing, a distance of 280 miles, the trip occupying six days. Another party is engaged beyond the northern boundary of Alberta in making settlement surveys at Fort Providence and other points along the great Mackenzie river.

In British Columbia several surveyors are employed in keeping up with the demands for agricultural and timber lands in the fertile valleys and along the forest slopes of the Fraser, the Thompson and the Columbia rivers. These lands lie in what is known as the "railway belt," a strip of land twenty miles on each side of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The far Yukon has not yet ceased to be the land of promise and for some years surveys have been carried on west of Whitehorse for the purpose of connecting the several mining districts. This year these surveys are being continued towards the Klaune district, which is the scene of considerable mining activity. Base lines are being run along many of the creeks in the central portion of the territory where discoveries have been made, hundreds of claims staked and operations in placer mining commenced. In the Stewart and McQuesten valleys a great deal of interest is centred at present and a triangulation survey is being made so that reliable topographical maps of the district may be prepared.

Scattered throughout all the west the surveyors' camp fires serve as beacon lights to settlement and the survey land marks planted over the prairies and far into the northern forests are as welcome sign posts to the traveller and homeseeker. And while there are millions of acres of surveyed territory capable of producing abundant crops and still untouched by the plough, the greatest promise of future expansion undoubtedly lies in the fertile lands over which the surveyor's transit and chain have yet to pass.

PATRIOTIC FUND

Complete statement of contribution of one day's pay to the Canadian Patriotic Fund by the Inside Division of the Civil Service:—

Department.	No. of Signatures.	Amount.
Agriculture	225	\$ 782 41
Archives, Public	49	174 43
Auditor General's office	92	340 98
Civil Service Commission staff	12	42 70
Conservation Commission	32	128 49
Customs	276	1,152 50
External Affairs	8	35 60
Finance	94	285 68
Fisheries	31	133 71
Governor General's Secretary's office	8	22 15
House of Commons staff	106	593 28
Indian Affairs	86	327 84
Inland Revenue	60	259 29
Insurance	17	72 37
Interior	762	2,515 31
Justice (incl. Supreme and Exch. Cts.)	49	244 11
Labour	31	100 16
Library of Parliament.	16	78 59
Marine	121	443 00
Militia and Defence ..	136	434 77
Mines and Geological Survey	191	799 48
Naval Service	66	204 81
Post Office Department.	592	1,517 72
Privy Council office ...	20	101 13
Public Printing and Stationery	41	153 03
Public Works	282	1,126 86
Railway Commission staff	73	299 27
Railways and Canals..	97	410 50
R. N. W. Mounted Police	11	55 27
Secretary of State	55	192 39
Senate staff	36	172 43
Trade and Commerce..	65	234 81
Totals	3,740	\$13,435 07

Of the above amount \$436.54 was contributed by 219 temporary employees.

WALTER TODD,
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Association of Ottawa.

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"Been to the theatre this week?"
"Yes." "What did you see?" "A black velvet bow, some tortoiseshell combs, a couple of plumes, a chiffon knot, and a stuffed bird about the size of a hen!"