

and the receipts from that source amount to about two million dollars a year—all this is used for war purposes only.

Immediately on the outbreak of the war Ontario presented the Motherland with 250,000 bags of flour to help feed her soldiers and also sent provisions and supplies for the unfortunate Belgians. These gifts cost nearly one million dollars.

Have all the boys and girls heard of the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, England? This is, perhaps, Ontario's greatest single gift to the cause in which all are interested. In 1915 there were in England only two Canadian hospitals, with accommodation for only 165 patients, and wounded Canadian soldiers were being placed in hospitals in various cities in the British Isles. Of course, they were well cared for, but they preferred to be together—among comrades with whom they had a good deal in common. And so the Ontario Government sent its Minister of Education to England to arrange for a really large hospital for Canadian soldiers. It was established at Orpington, and it contains 2,000 beds. The cost to the Province has been more than one and a quarter million dollars.

It is necessary that wounded soldiers receive every attention and it is also necessary that soldiers who are sent back to England "on leave"—to spend a brief vacation—should have a place to rest and to enjoy wholesome recreation. In response to this latter need Ontario established in London, England, four Maple Leaf Club Houses. These provide meals and sleeping accommodation and a homelike atmosphere for which Canadian soldiers are very grateful.

Would a long list tire the young people in the schools of Ontario? Not when it has to do with the war. In addition to the gifts mentioned, grants have been made to the Patriotic Fund (over one and a quarter millions of dollars in 1918), to Belgian Relief, to the Navy League, to the British Sailors' Relief Fund, to King George's Fund for Sailors, to the Great War Veterans' Association, to a Khaki Club, to the overseas work of the Y.M.C.A., to the Boy Scouts' Association, for soldiers' comforts, for athletic supplies for overseas troops, to the Palestine War Relief Commission, to the Italian Red Cross, to the Secours National, for Polish Relief and Serbian Relief, to the Seamen's Hospital, to the Canadian Chaplains' Association, for horse and motor ambulances, for machine guns, for evaporated apples, to Tuberculosis Sanitaria, to the Canadian Aviation Fund, for the relief of Halifax sufferers, for recruiting, for organization of resources, for increased production, for soldiers' hospitals and libraries, and to the Soldiers' Aid Commission. To all these the Government of Ontario has given \$8,281,624.96—a huge total, indeed!