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Mrs. McKeown New Head Of S.C. Association

Annual Meeting of Useful Organization

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Reports Show Much Valuable Work Accomplished and Substantial Cash Balance on Hand for Future Use — New Circles Formed

The third annual meeting of the Soldiers' Comforts Association was held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of Centenary church. The reports of the various officers, including the secretary and treasurer, and also the reports from the local and provincial branches, showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, both financially and otherwise.

The New Board of Officers.

The nominating committee presented the names of the following members for office during the coming year all of whom accepted: Honorary president, Mrs. George McAvity; president, Mrs. H. A. McKeown; first vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Peck; second vice-president, Mrs. Harry R. McLellan; third vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Doody; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Holly; recording secretary, Mrs. H. L. Spangler, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. John LeLacheur.

A letter was received and read at the meeting from Mrs. McAvity, retiring president, expressing her regret at inability to be at the third annual meeting. Mrs. McAvity is at present in Hot Springs, Virginia, for her health.

Secretary's Report.

The first order of business was the presentation of the report of the secretary, Mrs. John LeLacheur, which was as follows:

This the third annual report of the Soldiers' Comforts Association covers from May, 1917 to May, 1918. During this period eight regular and ten executive meetings were held. The work of circles and committees has been regularly reported at the meetings, and it has been most gratifying to find that there has been no lack of interest or falling off of work.

Two new circles have been formed this year, one at Plaster Rock, Carleton county, and one at New Denmark, Victoria county. Throughout the province increased interest in our work for the man in the trenches has been shown by the many applications for yarn. Miss Belyea, the association secretary, has proved most efficient, and is ever ready to give information regarding the work. In May, 1917, an appeal for baseball outfits was made, and as a result we shipped overseas five complete outfits; one outfit was donated by the Y. W. P. A. We also forwarded gloves, bats and balls to the value of $121.50. The shipping of Christmas parcels began in September, at which time a special appeal was made for the "lone soldier." This resulted in many hundreds of parcels being sent to the O. C. battalions in France, to be distributed to the men, who otherwise would not be remembered.

In November an appeal for socks was made and a good number were sent in by friends all over the province. This appeal was made in response to many letters from France, telling of the urgent need for extra socks during the months of January and February, when the men on active service suffer from trench feet.

By the passing of the war charities act it became necessary for all societies engaged in patriotic work to register. Through the kindness of Dr. Barnhill this was attended to promptly and in due time we became an incorporated body, under the name of the Soldiers Comforts, Limited. As a means of collecting funds for our association, George McAvity very kindly donated large shells which were placed in various centres, and in this way quite a generous amount was raised. Owing to the ever increasing price of wool, without which our knitters throughout the city and province would be at a standstill, it was decided to hold a tag day. Saturday, March 30, was decided on, and the work organized under the leadership of Mrs. H. B. Peck. The Commercial Travelers' Association came to our aid and by their untiring efforts the magnificent sum of $11,174.64 was placed to our credit.

Each year we begin our work praying and hoping that the war will be over before the year closes, but so long as the war continues, as an association we must work doing all in our power to bring comfort to those who on the battlefield are giving up their all for us.

In closing my report I would like to move a vote of thanks to all who have helped to make this year a success. To Commissioner McLellan, George McAvity, J. Walter Holly, C. H. Bostwick, Colonel Sturdee, Walter Golding, Chester Akerley, Centenary church officials, Commercial Travelers' Association, the N. B. Telephone Company, T. McAvity & Sons, Messrs. Lockhart & Ritchie, Barnes & Co., J. & A. McMillan, Flewwelling Press Company, all societies who helped in the work of tag day and to the public in general for their generous support.

Treasurer's Report.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Holly, showed a large balance on hand. The report was as follows:

I beg to report on the treasury of the Soldiers' Comforts, Limited, for the third year, ending April 30, 1918:

Receipts.

Balance from previous year		$2,926.37
General donations and subscriptions	$ 954.89	
Wool donations and subscriptions	2,759.62	
Tobacco donations and subscriptions	70.00	
Association pins sold	84.65	
Membership fees	19.25	
Easter appeal (Commercial Travellers' Association and ladies' committee)	11,961.61	
Appeal for baseball outfits, May, 1917	121.50	
Appeal for socks, November, 1917	185.75	
"Lone Soldiers," October, 1917	576.04	
		$19,609.68

Expenditures.

General	$ 258.00
Expense (stenographer, expressage, printing, coal, light, etc.)	965.40
Wool	6,835.19
Association pins (Ryrie Bros.)	100.00
Boxes (Wilson Box Co.)	368.83
Insurance (Lockhart & Ritchie. Premium on policy donated $8.75)	3.75
Baseball outfits purchasel	121.50
"Lone Soldier" goods	539.77
	$ 9,191.94
	$10,417.74
Balance in bank	$10,416.99
Cash	.75
Total	$10,417.74

Respectfully submitted,
REGINA M. HOLLY,
Treasurer S. C. A.

The Auditor's Report.

To the President and Members, Soldiers' Comforts Limited, City.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have audited the report of your treasurer for the year ending April 30 last, as per statement submitted, and which is correct. The balance carried over from previous year was $2,926.37, which with receipts for the year make a total of $19,609.68. Expenditures for year were $9,191.94, leeving balance of $10,417.74, viz, balance in bank, $10.416.99, which I have verified, and cash on hand, 75c. I have checked postings of cash book to ledger which are correct, and vouchers have been produced for all payments.

The books are carefully and systematically kept.

T. E. STURDEE, Auditor.

Wool Committee.

The report of the wool committee was submitted by Mrs. J. Walter Holly, convenor of knitting, and was as follows:

Receipts.

Receipts, $2,759.62.

Don.—15,512 pairs socks, 24 caps, 1,047 pairs mitts, 30 mufflers, 3 sweaters.

Assoc.—13,607 pairs socks, 285 caps, 214 pairs mitts, 30 mufflers.

Total—29,119 pairs socks, 259 caps, 1,261 pairs mitts, 60 mufflers, 3 sweaters.

Expenditures.

Wool for year		$6,715.36
M. R. A. (pins)	$ 64.46	
Vassie & Co. (tape)	15.12	
Printing tags and appeal	40.25	
		119.83
		$6,835.19

Respectfully submitted,
REGINA M. HOLLY,
Convenor of Knitting.

The packing committee, Mrs. Harry R. McLellan convenor, reported that since April 24, 1917, until April 24, 1918, 764 cases had been shipped which contained 5,681 individual parcels of which 3,158 were sent to lone soldiers. From July, 1915, to April, 1918, the total number of cases shipped was 2,378, and the total number of parcels in the same time sent overseas reached 22,467.

It was decided at the meeting yesterday to make the fee for the coming year for associate members $1.

Reports From Local Circles.

The following reports were submitted from the local branches of the association to the meeting yesterday: Girls' Association, of which Miss Hilda Shaw is the treasurer, reported that 296 parcels had been sent overseas during the year; fortyt-two pairs of socks to the 26th Battalion, $10 donated to the yarn fund, the total receipts for the year were $402.17, and expenditures were $256.21.

For Douglas avenue circle, Mrs. F. C. Beatteay, secretary, reported one sweater knitted; 358 pairs of socks; 358 parcels sent overseas, which were divided as follows: 105 parcels to lone soldiers in care of the Y. M. C. A., 105 parcels to Major Allen Leavitt and Major Lawrence Allen, and also fifty additional parcels to Major Leavitt in another shipment, forty to Major McKenzie, sixty-two to Captain Steel of the Salvation Army; money collected, $394.71 and money expended $347.73.

Harmony circle, Mrs. Willis, secretary, reported cash for the year $226.26; cash spent $179.75; socks donated to the depot, 140 pairs.

Alexandra circle, Mrs. Mason, president, total money raised $273; shipped overseas, seventy-five parcels and forty-eight pairs of socks knitted.

West Side circle, Mrs. Fraser, president, reported 650 parcels packed and sent overseas, 911 pairs of socks, 226 pairs of mitts, including assorted comforts; total money raised, $3,478; more than 300 letters have been received by this circle from boys overseas, acknowledging receipt of the parcels.

East St. John, Miss Magee, secretary, money raised through the year, $159.75; money spent $152.25; 270 pairs of socks sent into the depot also sixty individual parcels.

Centenary Girls' Circle, 286 pairs of socks and $114 donated to the association.

Red, White and Blue, Miss Hattie Dishart, secretary, reported the receipts for the year to be $207.30; expenses $166.83; special donation to the yarn fund $95; tobacco fund $20 and to sock appeal $10.

True Canadian Circle, Mrs. Todd, president, money made during the year, $862.52; expenses $705.08; 212 parcels sent overseas and seventy-five pairs of socks on hand.

Monday Evening Club, St. John, throughout Miss Isabelle McConnell, reported 179 pairs of socks knitted; eighteen parcels shipped overseas and $20 donated to the S. C. A.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison's Knitting Circle told of knitting 310 pairs of socks; making two trench caps, all of which were prepared by the ladies of New Jerusalem and McDonald's Corner, Queens county.

Maple Leaf Circle, of Port Fairfield (Me.), made report of 305 pairs of socks; fifty pair of socks sent to men overseas and this circle is also supporting a French orphan.

Provincial Circles.

Campbellton, Mrs. F. E. Richards, secretary, shipped to St. John, 3,102 pairs of socks, twelve mittens, 166 individual parcels.

Brookville, Miss Mary Gallagher, secretary, 100 pairs of socks; two pairs of wristlets; donation of $500.

Ingleside, Mrs. C. F. Francis, eighty-six pairs of socks and donation of $10.

Gagetown, Miss Bulyea, $43 to yarn fund; 461 pairs of socks; thirty-four pairs of mittens; six trench caps; seventy-three individual parcels, while the ladies of Upper Gagetown sent 214 pairs of socks and eighteen pairs of mittens.

St. Stephen, Miss M. Murray, receipts $1,381.98 and expenses $1,088.16, leaving a balance of $293.82; 2,000 pairs of socks, one dozen scarfs, five pair of mittens and eight caps.

Mace's Bay, Miss L. Mawhinney, 262 pair of socks; seventeen trench caps; $30 to yarn fund.

Sussex, Mrs. A. F. Robertson, president, income $1,011.11, expenses, $759.86; socks sent in, 749 pair, mitts fifty-two, caps five, mufflers three, and individual parcels, twenty-five.

Welsford, Miss Nason, $25 to yarn fund; shipped twenty-seven individual parcels.

McAdam Junction, Miss Ruth Green, twenty-four boxes for lone soldiers; thirty-nine pair of socks; thirty pair of mitts sent to the O. C. of the 52nd regiment and fifty-eight pair of socks to O. C. 26th battalion.

Chipman, Miss Julia Crawford $65 to yarn fund; total amount raised $292.10, expenses $22.06 and a monthly donation of $10 worth of comforts.

Woodstock, Mrs. E. Stokes, income $1,687, sent 2,147 pairs of socks and 25 dozen towels.

Rothesay, Miss F. Domville, 165 pairs of sicks; money collected, $38.25; money collected on Tag Day, $48.

Perth and Andover, Mrs. S. P. Cronkitte, receipts $422.06; expenses $384.19; 774 pairs of socks sent in, fourteen pairs of mittens, sixty-five Christmas stockings filled, twelve comfort bags filled and twenty pair of bed socks.

Milltown, Miss Margaret Black, 298 individual boxes sent in, six lone soldier boxes, 361 pairs of socks, thirty-one comfort bags, seventeen boxes of cigars, eight boxes of sigarettes, five cans of tobacco, besides assorted comforts, thirty-five quits besides $100 worth of tobacco donated by Fred. Todd to Milltown S. C. A. Receipts $1,810.79 and expenses $1,339.08.

Lawrencetown (N. S.), 105 pounds of yarn sent in, 325 pairs of socks knit and $46 donated.

Lieut. O. R. Matthews, who won his commission and the Military Cross overseas, has returned wounded and has been appointed postmaster at Greenwood, B.

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MRS. POTTER PALMER

Estate of Society Leader May Prove Worth $15,000,000

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Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago, whose death was reported this week, died from pneumonia at her winter home in Florida. At her bedside were her sister, Mrs. Frederick D. Grant; her brother, Adrian C. Honore; her two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Honore Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, jr., and her nephew-in-law and niece, Prince and Princess Cantacuzene.

In addition to being Chicago's acknowledged social leader for a score of years and more, Mrs. Palmer had an enviable reputation as a sagacious and far-seeing business woman. Her work as president of the board of lady managers for the Columbian Exposition at Chicago stands well up among the record achievements of American women in business. Also, she was a connoisseur in art, and encouraged its development.

Mrs. Palmer, who was Miss Bertha Honore, was born in Louisville of French descent. Her father, H. H. Honore, was one of the chief citizens in Louisville, and his daughter grew up well known in the social life of the Kentucky city. She went to school at a convent in Georgetown, Md., and on her graduation went to Chicago, where she made her debut in 1870. She married Potter Palmer, a prominent merchant, who was considerably older than herself, in 1878.

Her initiation in the intricacies of business came while she was a young bride, for her husband suffered, together with thousands of others less wealthy than himself, as a result of the great Chicago fire. To his wife Mr. Palmer afterward gave much of the credit for recouping his losses on this occasion.

Mrs. Palmer first became prominent in the country at large in 1890, when she was elected to the presidency of the board of lady managers of the Columbian Exposition. She immediately went to Europe in the interests of the fair, and through her efforts there aroused the attention of the queens of Italy and Belgium to the fair. Her friendship with royalty, growing out of this visit, extended to the end of her life.

It was Mrs. Palmer who made the match between her niece, Julia Dent Grant, and Prince Cantacuzene. King Albert of Belgium, who was then Prince Albert, was a warm friend of Mrs. Palmer, and has visited her and her husband in Chicago.

Soon after the World's Fair was over Mrs. Palmer began to interest herself in the annual charity ball held in Chicago. She was the leading spirit in organizing it and carrying it through to a successful conclusion each year. Even when traveling in Europe Mrs. Palmer always returned home in the fall in time to act as one of the promoters of the affair.

In 1900 President McKinley appointed Mrs. Palmer as the only woman member of the national commission to the Paris Exposition. There were reports at the time that the French government had unofficially protested against the appointment of a woman, but these whispers were stopped for all time after the exposition, when Mrs. Palmer received the decoration of the Legion of Honor for her services.

Throughout her entire life Mrs. Palmer took an active interest in philanthropic, charitable, and civic activities. She personally directed the first campaign of her son, Honore Palmer, when he was elected to the Chicago city council. Near the close of the campaign, Mrs. Palmer held a reception for members of a marching club in her million-dollar Lake Shire Drive home and shook hands with hundreds of ward politicians and their cohorts who attended.

She was not only a liberal patron of arts, buying works of art for herself and supporting the opera and orchestra in Chicago, but in 1910 she gave a gold medal and a prize of $1,000 as an aid for American artists. She did much to promote art exhibitions in Chicago and was a patron of the Art Institute.

Mrs. Palmer had always a warm spot in her heart for working people of every class, and helped them from time to time without a hint of condescension or charity. In 1912, hearing that the National Civic Federation was to hold a meeting in Chicago and that representatives of union labor and employers were to get together, she wrote August Belmont offering her house as a meeting place. He accepted, as did the labor union men, the latter on condition that they not be expected to attend in "dress suits." At one time she turned her house over to a reception of shopgirls. She was tireless in devising plans for aiding factory girls and became a patron of the Woman's Trade Union League. Through her efforts the millinery workers of Chicago were organized into a union.

It is said that she spent $50,000 each year in charity, sending the amount anonymously to charitable organizations.

When her husband died in 1902 he had so much faith in her business ability that he made her one of the trustees of his estate. Her brother, Adrian Honore, was the other. By Mr. Palmer's will the estate was divided into two equal funds. Fund A, of which the trustees had full charge, was to pay the two sons, Honore and Potter Palmer, jr., such sums as the wife deemed advisable. From Fund B came such money as Mrs. Palmer chose to draw for herself. In this she was given carte blanche. Mrs. Palmer under the will could do with her share of her husband's fortune "as she saw fit." She could will the other half to the sons in such proportion and in any manner she chose.

Mrs. Palmer left an estate which is conservatively estimated as exceeding $15,000,000. The property left by Potter Palmer, when he died in 1902, it is believed, has doubled in value under the astute management of Mrs. Palmer, and speculation is now rife as to what disposition she has made of the estate.

Mrs. Palmer came into possession of extensive real estate holdings, the Potter Palmer mansion on Lake Shore Drive, containing priceless art treasures, antique furniture, a famous gold and silver dinner service, and a host of valuables.

According to authoritative information, the estate consists of the Palmer House, worth about $5,000,000; the Lake Shore Drive mansion, estimated at $1,500,000; 150 properties, mainly tenements, worth upward of $6,000,000; personal property of $1,750,000 or more, and the 2,000-acre Sarasota estate in Florida, the value of which and the contents of the Italian villa on the estate is probably in excess of $1,000,000.

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Secretary of G. W. V. A.

Ottawa, May 8—N. W. Stewart, who served two years overseas with the 16th Battalion from British Columbia, and was wounded, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, dominion board, in succession to N. F. Knight, who has relinquished the office owing to ill-health.

Mr. Stewart will carry out the duties until the annual convention of the association in Toronto next July, when his appointment will likely be confirmed. He is a native of Aylmer (Que.), but enlisted for overseas service in Vancouver.

Murder In Sydney

Sydney, May 9—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon two men had been arrested on suspicion of having murdered Joseph Younan in his store on the night of May 6 and by 6 o'clock it had been decided that while neither one of the accused was connected with the murder, further developments as a result of their arrest might occur.

The second man to be arrested was Michael Ryan, who was taken at 5 o'clock by Chief of Police McCormick and Inspector Floyd, at the plant of the By-Products Coke Company. Ryan is a Nova Scotia about thirty-three years of age, but while he appeared nervous on being arrested, he is not believed to be the man wanted it was decided after closely questioning him.

The first man to be arrested as reported was John James Hennessey, of New Waterford. Both Ryan and Hennessey are being held until this morning when they will probably be released.

In both cases the arrests were made as the result of descriptions of men supplied by Syrians, who declared that they looked like men who had been hanging around the store during the day the murder was committed. A Syrian boy told the police that a man had visited the store on four different occasions.

With only a blue mask, a cap, a revolver, and a vague description of the gunman, as clues, the city police had a difficult task from the start to discover the man who at 11.40 o'clock Monday night shot and killed Joseph Younan in his store.

Angus McLeod, who has lived over the store for about a year, told a reporter that he ran down stairs when he heard the shot. He was intimately acquainted with Mr. Younan. "Joe was conscious," he stated, "and as I believed that he was going to die soon, I tried to get all the information I could from him. When I asked him who did the shooting he said that he saw the man, but the man had something black on his face. He was shot in the lower left side, but was not bleeding much. The man had come behind the counter and poking a gun at Joe, ordered him to hold up his hands. Joe thought he was fooling and the man struck him in the face, and right afterwards fired.

"When I asked Joe who did the shooting he said that he could not understand why it was done. He said that he had no enemies that he knew of. He knew that he would die, as he said a couple of times, 'I'm done.' I telephoned Dr. John McDonald and the police."

Tuesday morning Mr. McLeod visited the field through which the gunman had run and found a piece of blue cloth which had been used as a mask. The cloth was large enough to cover the face and had holes for the eyes. Another man found a cap. The revolver, which had two empty shells in it and was of .38 calibre, was found by W. Ferguson, 181 Prince street, on the railway track, when he was going to his work at Chapell's factory.

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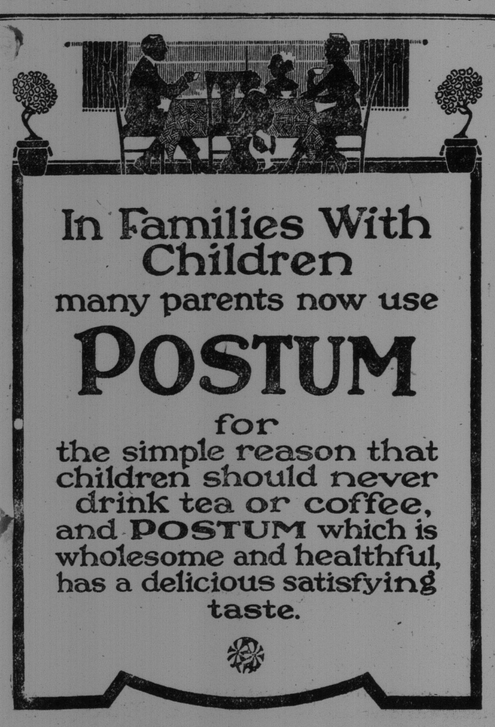

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