

Red Cross Work of Year In Province is Reviewed

Miss Jarvis, at Meeting Today, Presents Detailed Report of Activities—Now to Be Self-Supporting—The Financial Statement.

Today the annual meeting of the New Brunswick branch of the Red Cross Society is being held in St. John. Some of the reports are here presented: The report of Miss Ethel H. Jarvis, secretary, was as follows:— To the President, Officers and Members of the N. B. Division Provincial Red Cross I beg to submit the following annual report from December 9, 1924 to January 12, 1925.

Throughout the last 13 months the division has held eleven regular and twelve special or executive meetings. To all the regular meetings notices have been sent of branches throughout the province. It is a matter of very sincere regret that it is not possible for many to attend these monthly meetings, but it is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome today and feel that truly it makes an annual meeting well worth while.

Following the hearty welcome that we extend to our delegates must come a sincere good wishes we express to our new branches—Grand Manan, Campbellton, the branch re-organized in Shediac and to our auxiliary at Sussex. Each and all of these new branches are showing the most tremendous vitality and we are indeed glad to receive them in our ranks.

Visits From Head Office. The year has been a most eventful one in the matter of visits from head office. Only last month we were privileged to meet and to hear from our grand chief chairman of the executive, Dr. Jas. W. Robertson. His message to us was indeed a great inspiration to continue in the work that has been so well begun.

Junior Red Cross Committee in obtaining the sanction of the Board of Education to operate the Red Cross in the schools. In the spring two deputy supervisors, Mrs. H. Lawrence and Miss Jessie Lawson, were appointed to take charge of the work, and we are indeed glad that our children may now receive the advantage of this great movement—said to be the greatest discovery of the war—the teaching of children in a most attractive way to keep the rules of the health game.

Campaign. Another important activity was the organizing of the campaign. In August Mrs. G. A. Kuhring came to the province at the request of the executive to ably to take charge of the work. Her idea, and a brilliant one was to hold a Red Cross pageant that would in a spectacular way give the greatest peace time policy of the Red Cross. To the Miramichi belongs the honor of the first production of the pageant held on two successive evenings under very able committees from both Chatham and Newcastle. These productions were most successful and were followed by others in St. John and Sussex and in part in St. Stephen and McAdam. Other committees have expressed their intention of holding it later.

Provincial Local Relief. Owing to the unusual unemployment conditions of 1922 our relief work in St. John and through the Province was very heavy. In St. John the use of the depot was loaned to the Rotary Club and Salvation Army for the period of six weeks as a civic employment bureau. This demonstration proved beyond the necessity of a permanent bureau which we now have in the city. In two weeks time over 400 men registered as being out of work, thus showing in need about 2,000 people.

Donations. From the depot have gone as usual a great many donations. These have been distributed to soldiers memorial hospitals, Campbellton, Newcastle poor relief, St. John Local Poor Relief, Soldiers' Settlement, Patriotic Fund, to Lancaster and East St. John and River Glade hospitals, to St. Stephen Poor Relief, to Minto and to St. John Health Centre, to the Fort Nursery, Provincial Memorial Home, Children's Aid, Seaman's Institute, Fairville fire sufferers and Kelly's Beach typhoid sufferers and to individuals.

Donations received by the division have come from head office in the form of a money grant, literature, World's Health and Canadian Red Cross magazines, disaster case, membership pads, buttons, films, marking tape, wool and stationery. Recreation Hut. One of the principal and outstanding events of the year has been unquestionably the building and opening of the Red Cross hut at Lancaster. This opening occurred in July and we were fortunate in having as our speakers the Rev. Fred Porter, Dr. Roberts, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Taylor. An appeal was made to the branches and was ably backed up by the Globe newspaper for furnishings and this appeal met with a most generous response, as also did that for the Christmas stockings.

WOMEN OF THREE GENERATIONS. The daughter, mother, and grandmother have all proved from personal experience the remarkable strengthening and tonic properties of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in overcoming the ills of women. It was first made from roots and herbs in 1875 by Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., for her neighbors and friends. Its fame has spread from shore to shore until it is now looked upon by women everywhere as the standard remedy for woman's ills. It has been proved that it benefits 98 out of every 100 women who try it, which is a marvelous record for any remedy to hold.

When preserving again looms to the front, will not other branches remember the boys at Lancaster, East St. John, at River Glade? The depot will gladly forward any parcel sent in its care.

Nursing Service. Our nursing service has been most ably and capably handled by Miss Melkjohn. We feel indeed a great satisfaction when we remember that out of six nurses sent to six communities four are now self-sustaining. Our one difficulty that lies in the way is a very serious one—that of obtaining the trained public health nurses for our work. Perhaps before another annual meeting some way may be found to overcome this difficulty.

Red Cross Committees. Our committees, whose detailed reports come later, are indeed a tower of strength to the work of the Red Cross. The hospital committee under Mrs. Taylor, to whom the branches owe much for their constant care of the soldiers; the sewing committee, under Miss Allison, who send on request the ready-cut work to our busy branches, institutes, and I. O. D. E's; who in turn send in the finished garments that make relief work possible and to whom we indeed owe many things; the bulletin committee, under Mrs. James F. Robertson, who thus broadcasts the news of the Red Cross activities throughout the province; the campaign committee, under Mr. Dykeman, who organized the Rotary Club of the city into canvassers to the Junior Red Cross already alluded to; who in turn send in the finished garments that make relief work possible and to whom we indeed owe many things; the bulletin committee, under Mrs. E. T. Sturdes, who is ever at her post when a call comes, and to Mrs. Rowan and the V. A. D.'s, who so nobly assist in the great work being done by the Red Cross at the port. It is to the existence of these committees and the branches and organizations supporting them that we owe the success of the work.

Exhibition. The Red Cross as usual took its place at the exhibition and beside its useful booth and distribution of literature the Junior supervisors, weighed and marked over 700 children. On the lower floor a Red Cross nurses' was inaugurated and this proved indeed a boon to tired mothers who checked their babies in perfect safety under the care of Miss Jean White and the girl guides. Just such a similar nursery was held in Chatham fair last year. Fair booths in St. Stephen and Hillsboro the Red Cross sent large posters and literature. That at St. Stephen was most successful under the charge of the Red Cross nurses, Miss Murray. Gift to Lancaster. A very lovely and thoughtful gift of jams and jellies was sent this year to the Lancaster Hospital by the Sussex Women's Institute, and next year,

Mr. Kerr and Mr. Flewelling and the Boy Scouts for their contributions. To the press we know not how to say enough; they have spared their staff to attend all our monthly meetings, and by that means a knowledge of what is taking place is conveyed to many parts of the province. Each and every newspaper has given us editorials unsolicited and much space besides in their news columns. Again to me I say "Thank you."

Self-Supporting. If this report has been unusually lengthy, it is because I have tried to give a pen picture of what this great work is and what we are doing for the cause of humanity and patriotism. We are now to be a self-sustaining society. All grants have ceased from head office. It rests with us, the citizens of New Brunswick, to show by our enthusiasm and our energy that we do consider the work worth while. The Red Cross is still inspired with the spirit of sacrifice that was its mainspring and life during the war, and still it marches on, seeing and knowing well that a suffering world is awaiting the divine touch of healing through the earthly channel of the Cross of Red on the Field of White.

Respectfully submitted, ETHEL H. JARVIS, Secretary N. B. Division Red Cross. Treasurer's Report. C. B. Allan, treasurer, submitted the financial report from Dec. 1, 1924, to Dec. 31, 1924, as follows:— Receipts.

Table with financial data including Dec. 1, 1922 balance, Received grants from head office, Refunds from head office, Contributions, etc.

HEALING CREAM IS QUICK RELIEF FOR HEAD COLDS

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Starr Records. Starr (Gennett) Records are true to life in every detail rendering each selection exactly as the artist would wish you to hear it. Four January Hits: Japanese Moon (Fox Trot), To-morrow Morning (Fox Trot), Where the Bamboo Babies Grow (Fox Trot), Bee's Knees (Fox Trot).

German Factory Burned in 1920 May Prove Source of Unexpected Wealth. London, Dec. 20.—(By mail).—Hundreds of people have been digging for platinum at Gelnhausen, near Frankfurt, on a site where formerly stood an incandescent lamp factory, reports the Berlin correspondent of The London Daily Mail. The factory was burned down in 1920, and a few weeks ago a couple of lads, learning that at that time platinum was used in making incandescent lamps, resolved to stake a claim and began digging. They discovered sufficient platinum to provide them with enough to have the time of their lives at Frankfurt. They spent so much money that the police questioned them and the secret of Gelnhausen was revealed.

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