

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

WITH the completion of their responsibility in distributing the Federal Emergency Appropriation (see Financial Statement pp. 18) for the maintenance of unemployed ex-soldiers, referred to in the Post Scriptum chapter of the official History (pp. 333-336), the officials of the Fund were able to devote greater attention to the problems existing in the post discharge relief work. The regulations under which this work had to that time been conducted were largely tentative in character and subject to alteration to meet changed or new conditions. The experiences of local committees since July 1st, 1919, showed that some slight modifications were desirable and a conference of representatives from different parts of the Dominion was held at Ottawa on April 28th and 29th, 1920. As a result of the recommendations of this conference, the following changes in regulations were made. A perusal of same will show that the generous policy that the Fund had always followed was not only maintained but even more liberal provisions were incorporated.

(1) The regulation which provided that no Canadian pension may be supplemented by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, except in cases specially provided for in the regulations such as sickness, accident, etc. or where application for an increased pension is under consideration by the Board of Pension Commissioners in which case assistance may be given only until such time as the Board of Pension Commissioners has communicated its final decision to the applicant,

be cancelled and the following regulation substituted:

"No Canadian pension may be supplemented by the Canadian Patriotic Fund except in cases where some condition exists that is not provided for by the Pension Act but which necessitates assistance."

(2) The regulation which provided that grants from the Canadian Patriotic Fund shall not exceed the pension scale from time to time in force nor may any family receive more than \$100 per month,

be amended by the deletion of the words:

"nor may any family receive more than \$100 per month."

(3) The regulation which provided that as a general principle, no assistance may be given to the wife or children of a discharged soldier unless marriage took place prior to the man's discharge, and in those exceptional cases in which assistance is given it will be of an emergency character and in no case may regular monthly assistance be given to such families,

be cancelled and the following regulation substituted:

"As a general principle no assistance may be given to the wife or children of a discharged soldier unless the marriage took place within a year after the man's discharge."