

WAR HELP FROM THE DOMINIONS AND COLONIES.

THE people of Canada have just cause for pride in the unexampled generosity of the Canadian response to the needs of the Empire in time of War. Gifts of foodstuffs and comforts of every kind for the soldiers as well as for the relief of those suffering from the results of war, have been given loyally and unselfishly. Details of these Canadian contributions are generally known, but it will be of interest to note what some other parts of the Empire are doing. These particulars are taken from Official White Papers, and show that the same spirit of loyalty and service has been shown by even the most outlying parts of the Empire.

From the White Paper (Cd. 7608) are taken the following items:

Australia.—1000 gallons of port wine “for the sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals”; Queensland, 5,600 lb. butter, 16,220 lb. bacon, 550 cases of pressed beef, 9,600 lb. condensed milk, 2½ tons of arrowroot (for army purposes), 50 cases of condensed milk, “contributed for the benefit of children of the Empire.”

Barbados.—£20,000 from the Colonial Treasury (welcomed in the form of sugar).

British Guiana.—1,000 tons of sugar.

Falkland Islands —£2,250 from the Legislative Council (equal to £1 per head of the population) for the National Relief Fund, in addition to £750 collected privately.

Jamaica.—Sugar.

Leeward Islands (St. Kitts and Nevis).—£5,000 to the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Mauritius.—1,000,000 lb. of sugar for the Army and 1,000,000 lb. for the Navy.

Southern Rhodesia (Agricultural Union).—Maize.

Windward Islands.—From Grenada, £6,000 worth of Grenada cocoa for the use of the forces, and £4,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund; from St. Vincent, £2,000 worth of St. Vincent arrowroot for the forces, 250 barrels of arrowroot from the planters, and contributions for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Trinidad.—£40,000 worth of cocoa.

Queensland.—£2,500 for relief of distress (£1,000) and “to maintain the efficiency of the defenders of the Empire” (£1,500).

A later White Paper, issued about November 1, recorded the following additional contributions, which included the later offerings from Canada:

Canada.—£20,000 from the women of Canada for forty motor ambulance cars, half for use in France and half in England, and £37,192 for a naval hospital with 100 beds to supplement the *Haslar* Naval Hospital at Portsmouth; £20,000 from Nova Scotia to relieve distress caused by the war (in lieu of 100,000 tons of coal previously promised).

Australia.—£100,000 for a grant to Belgium; one ton butter “for the use of wounded British soldiers”; shipments of sheep (Pastoralists' Union of New South Wales) for British troops and “sufferers in Belgium”; 60 tons of biscuits (Sydney Chamber of Commerce); foodstuff to the value of £1,950 (from readers of the *Brisbane Courier*, third instalment).

Jamaica.—300,000 Jamaica cigarettes “for use of British troops at the front”; £13,000 for funds for sailors, soldiers, etc., and large presents of oranges and cocoa.

Sierra Leone.—£5,000 from the Legislative Council for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Leeward Islands.—£4,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund, and £1,000 for the Belgian Relief Fund, from the Dominica Legislative Council; 1,248 lb. of guava jelly from Montserrat for the military and naval hospitals and the British forces in the field.

Bermuda.—£3,450 per annum for fifteen years (approximately £40,000) towards the cost of the war.

Ceylon.—£15,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

New Zealand.—£1,000 from the Citizens' Committee of Gisborne as a further contribution for the relief of British distress caused by the war; £1,000 from Dunedin for the relief of Belgian poor.

Bahamas.—£10,000 from the Legislature as a contribution to the expenditure of the war, “being justly proud of the action of His Majesty's Government in upholding the honour and plighted word of Great Britain.”

Windward Islands.—£2,000 from the St. Lucia Legislative Council for the purchase of St. Lucia cocoa for the use of the Forces, and £1,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Fiji Islands.—£5,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Gambia.—£10,000 from the Legislative Council for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Falkland Islands.—£4,000 for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

British Guiana.—\$12,816 for the Prince of Wales's Fund, and gifts of clothing.

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