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A meeting of the national Executive Committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund will be held in Ottawa on May 16th at 11:00 A.M., in the office of the International Joint Commission, Hope Chambers, Sparks Street. This meeting will be one of the most important in the history of the Fund. A Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare a report and recommendation as to how the Fund should be financed when the present pledges have been fully paid in. In conformity with the decision of last fall, our branches were invited to carry on during 1918 as before. This they are doing and fully four fifths of our contributory associations will give this year as heretofore. We are, however, receiving from all sides intimations that in 1919 it will be difficult, if not impossible, to secure support from the public as heretofore. The Excess Profits Tax, the Income Tax, the War Loans, and other governmental measures for raising extraordinary revenue, are seriously hampering the ability of the people to give to funds such as ours. Further than this, the campaigns for War Loan, Y.M.C.A. huts, and so forth, are exhausting the energies of our workers to such an extent

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