

## INTRODUCTORY.

It is now universally admitted that it is the duty of every community throughout Canada to contribute towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund, that organization which guarantees for the soldier's wife and family a decent scale of living. With most patriotic citizens the only question is "How much shall we give?" This is governed by two considerations,—the extent of the need and the ability of the contributor. The following pages set forth in exact figures what has been raised in different parts of Canada during the first year of the War, and what will be required to meet the estimated demands of the new twelve months' period upon which we are just entering. Probably there will be by Christmas, 1915, twenty-five or thirty thousand families on the Fund. Even this number is bound to increase. A conservative estimate places the amount required during 1916—and it looks as though the War would last even longer—at \$7,500,000. Large though this amount seems, it is only \$1.00 per head of population throughout Canada. If the effort to raise this amount is made to include everyone—and everyone gives until he feels it—the amount is not beyond our reach.

The figures in this pamphlet will show then what has hitherto been accomplished—and may serve both as a grateful acknowledgment of previous generosity and as a stimulation to further effort.

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