

The administration of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is a partnership. There may sometimes be a tendency, as between a Relief Committee and the soldier's wife, to look upon it rather as a tug-of-war, one party being at each end of the rope, endeavoring to pull the other over the middle line. This ought not to be. Those of us who administer the fund, and those of us on whom the money is expended, are all doing equally valuable work. *Each is able to help or hurt the Fund by the way in which he or she acts or works.*

It is worth our while, for a few minutes, to consider the sources of this Fund. Some people imagine that the Dominion Government gives to it large sums. This is not the case. We have never directly received one dollar from the Federal authorities. *It is true that monies have been contributed by county and municipal councils; but probably three-quarters of all that has come into our treasury has been by the voluntary gifts of patriotic citizens.* To many of these their subscriptions mean great sacrifices. Men and women are going without what they have been accustomed to have, in order to contribute to the Patriotic Fund. Thousands of workers on railroads, in factories, in lumber and mining camps are giving a proportion of their wages to the national Fund. The North-West Mounted Police, for example, give us one day's pay per month; the Civil Servants of Alberta, less than one thousand in number, turned in over \$96,000 during the first year of the war. We could give