

Red Cross two handsome rooms in the Municipal Buildings, wherein to continue their work, the making up of garments was at once commenced and a busy corner of the beautiful new building has this been for the past four months, cutting out shirts, running of machines, packing of enormous cases and making up of bales of woollens.

According to the urgent and oftentimes pitiful appeal to forward private parcels, several cases containing only private parcels were sent to the front, and the Committee have been enabled to do this through the kindness and generosity of those gentlemen, who forwarded to Capetown, free of expense from New York out, supplies (Sir Roderick Cameron and Mr. Zeigler) per the Allan, Irwin and Elder Dempster, and the American Express Co., who generously carried the supplies at the same rate as our Canadian Expresses, viz: half-rate.

It is found desirable to place this short report of the work of the Toronto Ladies' Branch of the Red Cross Society, together with their treasurer's report, before the public, owing to a change having taken place in their position towards the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society, that Branch not finding it consistent with their constitution to allow any other branch than the Canadian Head Branch in Canada to have control of its own funds.

The Ladies' Branch have therefore from the date of May 24th, 1900, resolved to hand their funds over to the treasurer of the Canadian Branch, and from that date are known as the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society. It may now be well to call attention to the fact that the Toronto Ladies' Branch has in no way acted locally; all that has been done has been for our Dominion and her men, and to assist our Empire, and this Branch has repacked and shipped all cases and bales for warehoused to them from their local branches of the Society, at their own expense.

The grateful thanks of this Committee are truly tendered to all those who have in so many ways co-operated with them, endeavoring to, even in a small degree, lighten the hardships of our brave men who have, through their hardships and in many cases, alas! with their lives, made the name of this Canada of ours famous, and cemented our beloved England to her Colonies with bonds of blood that can surely never be broken.

Owing to the very limited time at the disposal of the Committee (4 days) it was found impossible to keep an accurate account of everything donated and purchased for the use of the First Contingent on shipboard.

List of supplies donated and purchased for the use of the Second Contingent on board the S. S. "Laurentian," "Pomeranian" and "Milwaukie," sailing in January and February: Lemons, 2 cases; Jam, 2,000 pounds; Salt, 3 barrels; Sugar, 3 barrels; Prunes, 2,046 pounds; Figs, 700 pounds; Swiss Food, 72 pkgs.; Puddings and Cakes, 163 pounds; Stationery, 3 cases; Canned Vegetables, 3 cases; Books, Prayer Books, &c., 15 cases; Socks, 1,426 pairs; Stockings, 33 dozen pairs; Sweaters, 109; Tobacco, 3 cases; Onions, 1 barrel; Wheat Biscuits, 1 barrel; Chocolate, 921 pounds; Lime Juice, 90 gallons; Tamarinds, 3 barrels; Games, 1 case; Medical Comforts, 1 case.

List of supplies donated for the use of the Strathcona Horse on board ship, sailing February 22nd, 1900: Games, to amount of \$21.50; jam, 150 lbs.; chocolate, 50 lbs.; beef tablets, to amount of \$89.00; salt, 1 bbl.; sugar, 1 bbl.; books and magazines, 2 cases; boot laces, 1,000; tamarinds, 1 bbl.