

IS NOW UP TO PUBLIC TO REACH THE MARK

Big Campaign for Funds Has Brought in Million and Half in Two Days.

KEEP TORONTO AHEAD Bands and Decorated Cars Will Parade Streets Today to Stimulate Giving.

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Major Hocken and J. J. Mason addressed meetings in a dozen factories with good results. They got several hundred subscribers, and the total names on the list is now 14,260. The city has been divided into five districts and an organizer from the club has been put in charge of each district. These organizers are Jos. Japp, A. MacIvor, T. E. Melburn, J. A. W. Harkness, and McGill. The \$2,000,000 mark is now in the hands of the public to make up, so special efforts will be made today to stimulate interest. At noon a massed procession will parade the downtown streets, accompanied by decorated motor cars. Four bugle bands and the Queen's Own Band will take part. Today all the churches will be opened and decorated and 250 collection boxes will be placed in them. A collection is also to be taken up in every school, separate and public, and the combined proceeds of churches and schools will be received by the mayor in the council chamber in the afternoon. The occasion is to be made an auspicious one, with leaders of the patriotic fund movement in attendance. The 109th Band will play for the benefit of both children and grown-ups.

Sure of Two Million At the request of some of the residents one of whom already has sent in a cheque for \$500, the York County offices will be open today to receive subscriptions to the fund. "Returns have been everything that we anticipated," Major W. S. Dimick stated last night. "We are absolutely sure of getting two millions because we have every confidence that the public is going to respond."

Are you going to reach two millions? E. R. Wood was asked. "Yes, sir. Absolutely," he replied. "We will reach it because the City of Toronto has never failed in any effort that it has ever made in recent years, and because we know the public will rise to the occasion before the final announcement Friday night. The campaign was an assured success before it started, with such leading financiers and business men included in its personnel it was assured of its aim."

The final results of the campaign will be announced in Masses Hall, Friday night, so the people have about an extra half day to get their subscriptions in. Hotelkeepers Subscribe. Controller O'Neill, at the noon luncheon yesterday, took occasion to deny reports that hotelkeepers were not doing their share in the fund, because the personnel of the committee was the same as that of the committee of the Hundred. The controller pointed out that the Hotelkeepers' Association has given \$10,000, twice as much as last year. The Licensed Wine and Spirit Shop Association has also donated \$2500.

Even neutrals recognize the good of the fund. Yesterday a Chinaman stood \$2.00 on the counter with "Me likes to give to the fund," and then whistled an Oriental version of "Here's to the Boys of the Allies."

A lady approached the receiving table of the two million office, an infant in her arms. "What shall we give, O dearie?" she asked, but the child smiled. Evidently the child's silence as golden, she placed a five-dollar gold bit on the counter. "A little lad of seven years of age was discovered yesterday taking five cents sitting before a chair. A lady beside him were several pieces of silver of various sizes. "Why, Bill, why does this mean?" asked the astonished father.

"It means that Willie — is not going to slip one over on me on giving to this two million campaign," was the answer he received. "The Findlay Team Still Leads. In the team work Thos. Findlay's team increased its lead for the two days' takings by a good margin. They have now reported \$68,124 included in the day's totals is \$142,600 from the 50,000 club, which is the year's subscriptions of the total membership up to date. The cash desk at the headquarters in Toronto; in two days it has taken in nearly \$10,000 in small contributions. And all this change is counted and sorted and in the bank by 3 o'clock every day. The finance committee yesterday reported also \$25,000 subscriptions from the Imperial Bank and Bank of Toronto. The accurate grand total up till noon yesterday was \$1,368,682, and the estimate calculation of the subscriptions received between noon and six o'clock yesterday were:

Table listing names and amounts: Alex. Auld, J. T. Boyd, C. A. B. Brown, J. A. Gibbons, A. H. Campbell, H. C. Cox, J. Thomas Findlay, Leo Frankel and B. Cooper, J. J. Gibson, H. Hall, A. Hayes, M. A. Ivey, Amelius Jarvis, Angus MacMurchy, George Oakley, Controller O'Neill, E. E. Robbins, Thos. Rogers, William Stone, J. Somers, G. H. Wood, 27,000 Club, 142,600.00

Americans Praise Canadians. Subscribers from American business houses continue to pour in and some of Canada and her provinces. The first half of them in subscribing declare such a worthy purpose. Up to date over \$400,000 has come in from the fund from the other side of the water. Contributions of over \$1000 received from the following: Bank of Toronto, Imperial Bank, and men of the Toronto Police force, \$26,000; Sir William Mackenzie, \$10,000; Canadian Permanent Corporation, Toronto Hotel Receipt Association and Canadian General Electric Co., \$10,000; Canadian Patriotic League, Consumers' Grant Co., B. Johnson, McKay, Duda and G. C. B.

Powell, Mrs. H. G. Warren, Central Canada Loan and Savings, \$5000; W. D. Matthews, \$3000; Licensed Wines and Spirit Shop Association, Provincial Mills, J. K. Macdonald, Hyrie Bros., G. T. Fullford Co. and Central Canada Loan and Savings Co., \$2500; Toronto Daily Star, Robertson Bros., John Ingitts Co., Gordon Mackay Co., Standard Alliance Mortgage Corporation, and A. E. Ames & Co., \$2000; Dunlop Tire Co. and P. A. Manning, \$1500; Beatty and McCorky, \$1500; Thos. Robertson, John N. Hall, Toronto Laundry Machine Co., J. L. Englehart, E. Leadley & Co., N. Warren, Toronto Mortgage Co., W. K. Johnston & Co., G. Gouding & Sons, W. Davies, R. E. Smith, W. J. Gage and Company, Miller and Sons, Sir Lyman M. Jones, Universal Tool Steel Co., Graves, Sigwood & Co., Goodear Tire and Rubber Co., Parke Davis & Co., Copp, Clark Co., Macdonald, Shepsher, Donald & Co., G. McLean, Mark Bredin, Brown Bros., Ltd., office and staff Brown Bros., Ltd., D. Fraskin, Maple Leaf Milling Co., Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Co., The Globe Newspaper Co., George Lawson, J. B. Smith & Sons, Studebaker Corporation, H. H. Williams, J. H. Plummer, N. W. Harris, Harris Forbes & Dalton Bros., Turner Foundry Co., W. J. Gage and R. Laidlaw Lumber Co., \$1000.

OTTAWA CONTRIBUTION. OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—A total of \$382,600 had been secured at the end of the second day of Ottawa's three-day campaign to raise \$400,000 for the patriotic fund.

MONTREAL CONTRIBUTION. MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—The returns for the first three days of the week's patriotic fund campaign in Montreal total \$1,127,789.

HUGHES MET CHARGES WITH STRONG DENIAL

Liberals Have Profited More From Contracts Than Have Conservatives.

NO PARTY FAVORITISM Political Stripe Not Considered in Giving Commissions, He Says.

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only to the order of the shell committee. This house has no authority to investigate those expenditures. The principle was laid down a good many years ago during and after the Boer war. "Denies Partisanship. General Hughes then took up the charge that there was partisanship in his administration and gave it a flat denial. Two of the three division commanders, he said, were Liberals, and the brigadier-generals were about equally divided between the two parties. Taking all the commissions together, including the higher commissions, he had no hesitation in saying that the majority of them had gone to Liberals. It just happened this way. Personally, he never cared anything about the politics of a soldier or officer.

"Personally," said the general, "my heart's ambition was to go to the front. I predicted that the war would largely be trench warfare, and I would have liked to have seen preparations made for it at the outset. However, I think I can do more good here at home and General Fiset is in the same position, and many other good officers whom we have not been able to spare from Canada."

Case of Lessard. "How about General Lessard?" a Liberal inquired. "General Lessard has never applied to go to the front," Sir Sam answered quickly, "alho no doubt he is anxious to go, but he has had important duties here and he has been run down in health for the past three or four months."

General Hughes then dealt with the charge that his friend, Colonel J. Wesley Allison, had acted as a middleman in the purchase of shells. "Automatic revolvers," and that the government had paid more than the market price. The correspondence with the Colt Company, which he laid on the table of the house, seemed to completely disprove both charges, which by the way, have already been investigated by Sir Charles Davidson.

General Hughes then made a brief statement respecting the army of Canada. Sixty thousand men were at the front, 60,000 in England and 130,000 in Canada. Many of the men were billeted in villages, but some of them slept at their own homes every night. The British Government was not ready to receive them, had no adequate accommodation for them.

Ross Rifle Troubles. Touching on the Ross rifle, Sir Sam said that the trouble had been within the ammunition. Some very poor ammunition had been issued by the British Government and the cartridges jammed in the Ross rifle, and the Lee-Enfield rifle alike. The base of the cylinder in the Ross rifle had therefore been widened to bore quick to follow the lead of Canada and the cylinder of the new Lee-Enfield rifle would be the same as the new Ross rifle, namely, point 484.

Undertook Big Orders. The minister then made a spirited defence of the shell committee, paying a high tribute to Sir Alex. Bertram. On Aug. 24, 1914, General Hughes had received a request from the British Government to place an order for 200,000 shells for the United States. Times were very hard in Canada, and General Sam thought that Canadian manufacturers should attempt this order. Thru his efforts they undertook to do so and shortly after that the shell committee was appointed. Two first trouble was to find steel, it being universally believed at that time that steel made in Canada could not be used for the manufacture of shells. Col. Cattle of the Nova Scotia Steel Company solved this problem with such skill that up to date \$0,000,000 worth of Canadian steel has gone into shells and 2,000,000 shells made in Canada have already been delivered at the front.

Rapid Deliveries. The United States manufacturers had demanded and received large advance payments. One big firm had been advanced \$12,000,000 in gold. The United States manufacturers were slow in their deliveries, while the Canadian shells had gone forward to rapidly that on April 25, 1915, Lord Kitchener cabled his thanks and congratulations to the governor-general.

THE TORONTO AND YORK PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE 50,000 CLUB Asks You To Join Today

It is the duty of every citizen to become a member of the 50,000 Club today, and in this way contribute something regularly towards the support of the wives and children of soldiers who are fighting for our liberty and the protection of our homes. A generous response to this appeal means assured comforts for the women and children, and will be a guarantee to every new recruit that his family will be well taken care of while he is away. Every church and bank will be open all day today to receive contributions and enrol you as a member of the Club. Avail yourself now of this opportunity of doing your duty and help reach the 50,000 mark by tonight. The amount is small (25c a week, or \$1.00 a month), which you can save from your household expenses, or deprive yourself of some small luxury for this worthy cause. Make your contribution to the Patriotic Fund by joining the 50,000 Club.

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COUNTING UP THE TWO MILLION.



In spite of the immense volume of work, every contribution reported at headquarters had been posted to its proper account in the subscription ledges and cash books, and the totals "balanced to a cent," and the money safely stored away in the bank before 9 o'clock last night. The entire accounting system which had to handle the great amount of work consequent upon the enormous volume of subscriptions, had been arranged and supervised by W. S. Hodgson of the Central Canada Loan & Savings Co. and A. L. Whitelaw of the Ellis Adding Typewriter Company. In the centre of the photograph is Mr. E. R. Wood, the honorary treasurer, and next to him J. E. Atkinson, J. F. Weston and A. S. Muirhead.

FOUND DICE IN SCUTTLER AND CASE OF WHISKEY

Two Charged in Police Court With Conducting Gambling House.

Jointly charged with keeping a common betting house at 104 Church street, Malcolm McFadden and Thomas Whiteside appeared before Col. Denison yesterday in the police court. T. H. Lennox, K.C., N.L.A., represented the men.

NOTED GERMAN FLYER WAS KILLED BY FALL

Lieutenant Boehme Had Been Decorated for His Aerial Exploits.

BERLIN, Jan. 26, via wireless to Sayville.—The two German air squadrons which shelled Nancy on Monday, as reported by the German headquarters staff, says the Overseas News Agency, dropped over 150 bombs on the town and the fortress. The News Agency adds: "The German aviation corps laments in this connection the loss of Lieut. Boehme, who was several times cited in the headquarters' reports. Lieut. Boehme fell to the ground at Ensisheim, in Alsace. The aviator was instantly killed."

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

Past Masters' Association of Toronto Masonic Districts Held Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Past Masters' Association of Toronto Masonic Districts, which was held last night in the Temple Building, the following officers were elected: Hon. pres. J. Ross Robertson; president, Dr. G. J. Goggin; vice-president, F. W. Harcourt, K. C.; secretary, Treasurer, Henry T. Smith; executive committee, H. A. Taylor, K. J. Dunstoe, F. J. Inwood, A. E. Hageman, R. W. Brennan, G. H. Smith, W. H. Chapman, R. W. Clewof, P. Saunders, J. W. Rogers, E. F. Walker, James Hayward, F. E. Lake, L. J. Clark and W. R. Cavel. J. B. Nixon and George Liddle were appointed auditors.

OLD MUNITIONS BOARD MAY BE INVESTIGATED

Conservative Caucus Feels Government Should Give Matter Consideration.

LONDON TO BE ASKED

Prime Minister Will Have Practically Free Hand in Deciding Question.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—The government members were in caucus for several hours this morning. At the conclusion of the conference little information was vouchsafed to the press beyond the statement that David Henderson, M.P., for Halton, presided. It is generally understood that the demand of the opposition for an investigation into the administration of the old shell committee was the subject under consideration. It is said that the prime minister addressed the caucus at considerable length, and intimated that the proposed investigation was inexpedient from an imperial standpoint, and that it could not be undertaken at any rate without the consent of the imperial authorities. He is said to have called for a frank expression of views, and it is rumored that some members expressed themselves in favor of granting the investigation. The upshot of the discussion was, and it is rumored that some members communicated with the imperial government, and give the general subject further information. At the same time the matter is said to be in a shape that the prime minister will practically have a free hand in deciding with it.

LIQUOR GO-BETWEEN PUNISHED BY FINE

On the testimony of a member of the police, Max Rosenthal was fined \$300 or thirty days by Col. Denison in the police court yesterday, for acting as "go-between" in the procuring of liquor.

BERNIER GOING NORTH

QUEBEC, Jan. 26.—Captain Joseph Bernier, who has already made six cruises to the Arctic regions, next July will leave for another two years' trip to the frozen regions. He has already engaged his entire crew and will leave on his own ship, the Outfit.

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