

HOUSE OF COMMONS DISCUSSES THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

\$300,000 Has Been Paid From Total of \$2,700,000 to Date—Aid to Newfoundland—Amendment to Give Relief to Families of Sailors on Niobe

A bill to amend the Canadian Patriotic Fund Act to empower the Patriotic Fund Association to assist soldiers who return incapacitated from the front and the families of men who are killed, until they have established their claims to pensions, and to extend aid to the dependants of men from Newfoundland now serving in the Canadian naval and military forces, was passed in the Commons today. It was stated that the fund had amounted to \$2,700,000, that \$800,000 had been paid out, that \$1,900,000 remained in the hands of the association, and that a like sum would be realized when all the promised subscriptions were paid.

It was also announced that 65 families of Newfoundlanders now serving in the Canadian forces, chiefly on the Niobe, required assistance from the fund. Hon. Frank Oliver seemed inclined to think that families of men who have gone to the war should be cared for by the Government alone without any help from such an organization as the Patriotic Fund. He was answered vigorously by Mr. H. B. Ames, of St. Antoine, the hon. secretary of the fund; Mr. W. F. Nickle, of Kingston, and Dr. Michael Clark, the Liberal member for Red Deer.

Work of the Fund.

Mr. W. J. Carroll then asked what was being done in the case of families partially dependent on soldiers at the front. In reply, Mr. H. B. Ames made a general statement on the work of the fund. Probably 90 per cent. of Canada was now covered by branches of the fund or by auxiliary associations, with a clearing house in Ottawa. A uniform system was adopted dealing with all cases, but, except for suggestions made from headquarters, local committees were largely a law unto themselves. If the family of a soldier fell below the scale of decent subsistence as a result of his absence, its claim to relief from the fund was not questioned.

There was no question as regards the propriety of affording relief to the wife or children of a soldier or to a widowed mother entirely dependent on her soldier son. However, there were complicated cases involving partial dependency, and in these cases the fund generally made up the difference in the scale of living caused by the absence of the members of the family partially dependent on it. The fund had received \$2,700,000, and had disposed of \$800,000, leaving about \$1,900,000 of a balance. A sum equally as large was still expected as that the fund would probably be self-sustaining till the end of the year. A few communities which had not yet contributed would be canvassed before any more were asked to contribute again.

Hon. Frank Oliver wished to know what proportion the assigned pay and separation allowances received from the Government by soldiers' relatives bore to the amount received from the fund.

Consider the Environment.

Mr. Ames replied that the Government allowed \$20 per month to the wife or widowed mother of every soldier on overseas service. In supplementing this the fund considered every family in relation to its environment. Thus a woman with three children of 12, 8 and 4 years in Montreal would be considered entitled to \$45 per month from all sources in order to obtain a decent living, while twenty-five per cent. would be added to this in the West. The families of English and French reservists whose Governments contributed something toward their relief, and of Belgians, whose Government gave nothing at all, also, were being helped. Hon. Frank Oliver said he considered the responsibility of caring for dependants of soldiers rested primarily on the State.

Sir Robert Borden pointed out that the Canadian separation allowance held, should be behind the men who

had been fixed with regard to that paid in the United Kingdom, the former being \$20, as compared with \$17, which was the British allowance. He stated that an order-in-Council had been passed appropriating a certain portion of every soldier's pay for the support of his family.

Notes a Discrepancy.

Mr. W. H. Bennett of North Simcoe said he understood the combined pay and separation allowance of a colonel was \$210; of a captain, \$155; of a lieutenant, \$115, and of a private, only \$55. This was too great a discrepancy. He would like to enquire how much was paid from the fund for the assistance of officers' wives and whether it were true that assistance to soldiers' families had been refused by the fund from headquarters which had not contributed thereto. In reply, Mr. Ames said he did not think there was a single case where the family of an officer higher in rank than a captain had been assisted, and very few officers' families indeed, were assisted. As to Mr. Bennett's second question, where a county like Simcoe set apart \$25,000 for patriotic purposes and then insisted on holding on to \$21,000 of it, the fund would be quite likely to tell them to care for their own soldiers' families. There were but two towns in Canada which had refused to do anything for their people, and even in regard to these enough money was sent each week to any citizen who could be found patriotic enough to take the trouble to distribute it, to care for those who needed it. Mr. Ames stated that on February 1st, \$1,035,000 had been received by the fund from Ontario and about \$1,010,000 from Quebec.

Mr. Bennett explained that the Town of Simcoe had not contributed toward the fund because it had previously subscribed generously toward hospital ship and Belgian relief funds.

Payment to Brides.

Mr. E. M. Macdonald enquired whether aid was being refused to the families of soldiers who had married after enlistment. He was informed by Mr. Ames that the Government had given notice that after January 28 last it would not recognize marriages entered into after that date, except in certain cases where permission was obtained from the colonel in command. Sir Robert Borden pointed out that in the British army a certain number of people in each regiment were allowed to marry, and that no provision was made for others who might do so. He then made the interesting statement that in passing its order-in-Council referred to the Government had been influenced by apprehension that soldier marriages might be too hastily contracted especially abroad under conditions which would make a victim of the soldier in an undesirable way. The Government had received information tending to this belief.

Mr. Ames explained in reply to a question by Mr. Oliver Wilcox as to that provision was being made for the families, resident in the United States, of British subjects who had enlisted from there, that funds similar to that in Canada had been organized in Great Britain, Newfoundland and the United States. The last-named fund was assisting to endow into a statement made by Mr. G. Tur, that the families of men who had joined the first contingent and afterwards been rejected were still receiving their separation allowances.

Mr. Oliver's View.

Mr. Oliver declared that he was of the opinion that the families of soldiers should not be dependent for aid upon charity and the goodwill of man responsible for the distribution of the Patriotic Fund. The State, he said, should be behind the men who

IMPUDENT ATTACK ON CLERGYMEN EQUOQUENT CALL TO IMPERIAL SERVICE

Mr. J. W. Johnson, M. P. P., Delivers Some Hot Shots Against the Ministers—An Impassioned Appeal to Stay By the License System

Special to The Ontario.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—An attack on the ministers of the Province, a defence of the liquor license system and utter opposition to the closing of the bars were the features of a rather sensational speech in the Legislature by J. W. Johnson, M.P.P. for West Hastings. It was a much franker statement on the liquor question than usually is heard from the Government side of the House. The fact that Mr. Johnson, at the conclusion of his speech, was surrounded by his colleagues on the Government side and congratulated, showed that he had expressed views with which many of them heartily agreed. Mr. Johnson made a violent attack on the ministers of the Province for the work they had done in support of the abolition of the bar and defended the license system out and out saying that since certain men in the province had been licensed to sell liquor he did not think they should be impeached with the same temperance man, said Mr. Johnson. "But everybody knows I am not a teetotaler. I take a drink when I feel like it and I shall continue to take drink until the very end." Mr. Johnson attacked the idea of closing every bar in the province and said that if this was done "we would be swarming in a sea of liquor." He thought it would be a great course to close the bars.

Eliminate Charity Idea.

Mr. Ames said that an effort had been made to eliminate any idea of charity in the administration of the Patriotic Fund. He believed that a man should be in a position to go to the front feeling that his wife would be cared for by those at home. He declared, moreover, that the contented soldier's wife was the best recruiting agent. To Mr. Arthur he said that the Patriotic Fund Association required a local organization to enquire into cases in each district, and to distribute the money provided by the central body.

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First Aid for Weak Digestion

Like Nearly Every Trouble Affecting Mankind, Indigestion is Due to Poor Blood.

Almost everybody experiences times when the organs of digestion show painful signs of weakness. Slight disturbance of the health starts the trouble; then the patient takes a dislike to food and dull, heavy pains in the abdomen give warning that the stomach is unable to do its proper work. Sometimes a false craving for food arises; if this is satisfied the result is additional torture—flatulence, drowsy depression, sick headache and nausea are common signs of indigestion. The foolish practice of taking drastic, weakening purgatives at such times should be avoided. Indigestion arises from stomach weakness and the only effective method of curing the trouble is to strengthen the feeble organs of digestion by supplying them with richer, purer blood. This is the true tonic treatment, by which natural health, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, achieve their result. These pills make the rich, red blood tend to strengthen the stomach, thus imparting a healthy appetite and curing indigestion and other stomach disorders. Mrs. Johnson, Hemlock, N.S., says: "For five years I was a great sufferer from indigestion which wrecked me physically. I suffered so much that for days at a time I could not attend to my business. I had smothering spells so bad at times that I was afraid to lie down. I doctored and tried many medicines but with no benefit. I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised to cure the trouble and decided to try them. I had not been taking them long before I found that I had at last hit upon the right medicine. The improvement in my health was constant, and after I had used ten or twelve boxes I could eat and digest all kinds of food, and I felt physically better than I had for years. I shall never cease to praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for they proved a real blessing to me."

THE JUDGE'S COURT

Judge Deroche yesterday tried two charges against Oliver Emlaw under section 211 of the Criminal Code. The charge of an assault on the person of a woman was dismissed, while on the charge laid on an alleged offence at the office of a woman, Emlaw was found guilty. The offence was said to have taken place three years ago at Brighton and the evidence was rather weak so that a term of four months in jail was imposed.

Col. Ponton's Address Stirs the Empire Club

Col. William N. Ponton, K.C., of Belleville gave a heart-to-heart talk to the members of the Empire Club at Dunning's Thursday on the subject, "The Prose and Poetry of the Canadian Imperial Service." The Colonel might be aptly termed an evangelist of loyalty. Under his quiet and calm, ordinary patriotism became almost a religion. To serve and die for the Empire seemed the highest heroism. Tears were in many eyes when he told of the gathering of the officers of the Canadian contingent around a fire on the fields at Valcartier the night before the departure. How they clasped hands when they saw the northern lights and felt the thrill of comradeship in the imperial service.

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Sergeant Everett Henry Liddle
Sergeant Arthur Edward McGlashan
Corp. Arthur Grandly McGie
Corp. Allen Hampton Ketcheson
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