

There were thirty-five meetings of the Committee for the transaction of business, and each one was well attended. The unanimity which existed amongst the members thereof was most creditable; all were most anxious to provide as liberally as possible for those who suffered by the great calamity; the latter generally deserve the greatest encouragement for the brave manner in which they bore their terrible loss and for the energy displayed by them in restoring as far as possible a home or shelter before the cold inclement Winter had fairly set in. There are doubtless many references which ought to be embodied in this Report, which the Committee would like to see published, but owing to the length which it has already attained they refrain from making them; however they beg to tender their thanks to the Members of the Dominion Government for the countenance and support given by them, and for their individual subscriptions, also to the Minister of Militia for the loan of fifty tents which were distributed amongst the houseless, for temporary shelter; also to the Governments and Legislatures of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec respectively, for their Grants; also to all those who in any way contributed to the relief of the sufferers, either in money, clothing, blankets, food or otherwise; also to the Press of the Dominion, for their many kindly articles which appeared in reference to the great conflagration, and for the urgent appeals on behalf of the sufferers therefrom. To the ladies especially do the Committee feel grateful for the manner in which they provided for the female portion of the sufferers, in under-clothing and useful garments. In conclusion, the Committee beg to state that it is most gratifying to them to hear such encouraging accounts of the growing crops throughout this section of the country, and especially from those portions of it that were so fearfully devastated on the 17th August 1870.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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