

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

In response to urgent appeals from many parts of the Dominion, I inaugurated the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the object of which is to provide for the needs of the wives, families, and dependent relatives of those who go to the front to fight the battles of Great Britain and her Allies. Unless generous-minded citizens come to their aid, there will be, during the coming winter, much hardship in many families owing to the absence of the breadwinner. I have the greatest confidence that those that are in a position to give need but the opportunity of doing so, and that the response will be wide-spread and generous.

During the past few days the Canadian Patriotic Fund has been duly organized, a strong Executive, representing the whole Dominion, has been appointed, and a central Bureau established at Ottawa.

I sincerely hope that in every city and town throughout the Dominion, branches of this organization may be formed, full particulars of which can be had by addressing the Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. B. Ames, M.P., Ottawa.

By co-ordinating and harmonizing benevolent efforts in this way, the danger of overlapping on the one hand, or neglecting deserving communities on the other hand, may be met and overcome.

I am convinced that all Canadian hearts will go out to their brave fellow citizens who have gone to the front. A prompt and hearty response to this appeal will put all anxiety at rest about those near and dear to them, and will also afford to those who cannot go, an opportunity of doing their duty to Canada and the Empire.

ARTHUR,

President,
Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Government House,
26th August, 1914.