

Coming to the Call.

The circulars and lists regarding contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, sent to officers of the Outside Service from the Civil Service Federation of Canada, have met with enthusiastic response. However, the Federation, representing a very large body scattered over tens of thousands of miles of territory, was not able to act as promptly as were local and more compact organizations; also, the officers of the Federation delayed their action until it was ascertained in just what way they could best assist the grand national cause. In consequence of these delays, the Federation's plan was forestalled in some quarters. Local bodies were fired with a zeal which brooked no pause. They subscribed and sent in generous contributions to the fund without waiting to be asked. To all of which everyone will say "Well done!"

Correspondence with outside officials in this regard has brought to the hands of the Secretary of the Federation numerous letters testifying to the spontaneous and substantial character of the aid so early given to the Patriotic Fund. Extracts from a few of these letters cannot fail to be interesting:—

From Charles E. Thomas Collector of Customs, Oshawa, returning a subscription list signed by every officer of his port: "This, we think, is a just and worthy cause, and we wish you success in your efforts."

From Thomas Peck, Collector of Customs at Galt, returning the list signed by his staff: "We all hope the fund will be a go."

From D. R. Farquharson, Collector of Customs, Chatham, Ont., with a list signed by all on his staff: "This is done with the greatest cheerfulness and pleasure on the part of every officer, and will be repeated more than once if need be."

W. F. Miller, Collector of Inland Revenue at Hamilton, reported that the staff of the Hamilton Division had already contributed.

The Collector of Customs at Quebec writes: "The Customs staff at the port of Quebec, and outports, have already voluntarily contributed one day's pay to the fund, and the sum of \$242 and my personal cheque for \$25 were forwarded." The inspector's staff also contributed.

Archibald S. Mitchell, Collector of Customs at Halifax, reports a different method of contribution. The men of his staff are giving one per cent. of their net salaries per month, and have agreed to continue doing so for one year.

A. C. Paterson, Inspector of Customs Ports, Regina, announces the strong action of all the officers of the Customs in that city, including the staff of the inspector's office. Each man makes a contribution amounting practically to one day's pay per month "until peace is declared and one month after." This amounts to \$84.25 per month.

Robert Hall, Collector of Customs at Peterborough, writes that his staff had already contributed. "We are heartily in accord with the movement" says Mr. Hall.

Smith Harding, Collector of Customs at Yarmouth, N.S., replies that his staff has already contributed to the Patriotic and Belgian Relief Funds.

W. A. Park, Collector of Customs at Newcastle, N.B., reports that all members of his staff contributed to the local fund.

From Fredericton, N.B., Collector of Customs L. C. Macnutt sends a report in like tenor.

A. Callow, Secretary of the Customs Civil Service Association, Toronto, reports a contribution of \$765, being slightly more than one day's pay. Five men of the staff went to the front.

A. Strachan, Collector of Customs at Kingston, reports a previous contribution.

A. Zimmerman, Collector of Customs at Hamilton, reports that his staff gave a day's pay in September to the Patriotic Fund and another day's pay in October to the local charities of the city.