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## Railway Mail Service of Canada and Its Relation to the War

While it is well known that members of the Civil Service are making certain contributions in men and money for patriotic purposes, the records of such are bound to be incomplete and unorganized for the reason that many of the funds contributed to are of a local nature. The Railway Mail Clerks, however, have done no nobly in the dual respect of men and money that an attempt has been made to list and tabulate the results as fully as possible. The details and summary of the efforts of these fine public servants follow:

**HALIFAX.**—Three members of the staff are on the Postal Detail with the Expeditionary Forces, either in England or at the base offices somewhere in Europe. In addition to the fund raised to purchase the machine gun, clerks are volunteering to go as a unit manning it.

**ST. JOHN.**—The members of the staff of this district are raising a substantial sum of money, nearly eight hundred dollars, which will eventually be divided between various of the funds, such as Red Cross or Disablement Fund.

**MONTREAL.**—One member of the staff who had enlisted was accidentally killed; another is with the Sixth Stationary Hospital in England.

**OTTAWA.**—Of the three men who have gone from Ottawa, one is with the Winnipeg Highlanders, overseas; one with Postal Detail, overseas, and one with the 38th Regimental Band.

**NORTH BAY.**—This district was not opened until February 16, 1915. In addition to the amounts in above table, the clerks are raising a sub-

stantial fund for such purposes as future conditions may warrant.

**TORONTO.**—Besides the above amounts, a sum of \$197 was contributed by the staff to the Toronto and York County Fund before the list for the Canadian Patriotic Fund was formally opened. Of the twenty-three men who have enlisted, thirteen are already on active service abroad and the others are in training in local military camps.

**LONDON.**—One member of the staff has been killed while on active service in South Africa, five are on active service overseas and three are in training in Canada.

**WINNIPEG.**—Twenty-nine men having offered their services for overseas, the remaining one hundred and forty subscribed ten dollars each, one thousand dollars towards the purchase of a machine gun, which was manned by eight of their confreres, and the balance, four hundred dollars, was turned over to the Disablement Fund.

**MOOSE JAW.**—Before the formal appeal to the Railway Mail Service had been made, the members of this staff had already given one hundred and twenty dollars to the Moose Jaw Patriotic Fund, as well as liberal subscriptions to other funds for war purposes. They have also given two hundred and fifty dollars for a field kitchen, two hundred dollars to the Saskatchewan Field Hospital in France, and one and one-half per cent of their salaries per month to the Patriotic Fund during the continuance of the war. The men have suffered to the extent of two dead, two wounded and one missing.