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TORONTO LADIES' BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

On October the 19th, 1899, a public meeting was called at Government House, at the request of Mrs. Nordheimer, by kind permission of Miss Mowat, to consider the most practical way of showing the appreciation of the women of Toronto for the loyalty of our volunteers in so enthusiastically responding to our country's call for aid to the Empire.

At this meeting, Dr. Ryerson, chairman of the executive of the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society advised the ladies to join the Red Cross in its work, and adopt the name of "The Toronto Ladies' Branch of the Red Cross Society." After some discussion it was decided to accept the proposition made in the name of the Council by Dr. Ryerson, with provision that the Ladies' Branch keep full control of their funds and are at liberty to expend them as they deem proper, for the benefit of the soldiers in South Africa, reporting to the Treasurer of the Canadian Branch at stated intervals.

Miss Mowat was elected Hon. President; Mrs. Nordheimer, President; Miss Wilkie, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss C. Merritt, Hon. Secretary, with the following ladies on the committee to collect funds and make purchases: Lady Thompson, Lady Gzowski, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Otter, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Geo. Denison, Mrs. Albert Gooderham, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. T. Hodgins, Mrs. Grasett, Mrs. E. Spragge, Mrs. Alfred Cameron, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, Mrs. Elmsley, Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. John Cawthra, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Miss Campbell, Miss McLean Howard, Miss Gzowski, and Miss Small.

The following names were added from time to time to the General Committee: Mrs. H. Strathy, Mrs. Sweny, Miss Carty, Miss Fitzgibbon, Miss Yarker, Mrs. Cory, Miss Beardmore, Miss C. Langmuir, Mrs. B. B. Osler, Miss G. Boulton, Miss McDonald, Miss G. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Macdougall, Miss L. Jones, Miss Strange, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Irving Cameron, Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. Stewart Houston, Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Mrs. A. Peplar, Mrs. Bristol, Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. G. Harman, Mrs. Campbell McDonald, Mrs. A. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Macdougall, Mrs. Chas. Ryerson, Mrs. C. Baines, Mrs. A. Grasett, Mrs. F. Grasett, Mrs. McMahon, Miss Denison, Mrs. C. R. Boulton, Mrs. G. T. Ryerson, Mrs. Cockburn.

So successful were these ladies in their efforts in four days that nearly \$3,000 had been collected and many generous gifts in kind had been added to the comforts purchased for the use of men on shipboard, and 121 cases were packed and sent off on a special car on the train that carried our troops to Quebec, on that never to be forgotten 25th October, 1899.

These comforts for use only on shipboard, were at the suggestion of the President to be for the benefit of the whole Contingent, and each man was also provided with two pairs of soft socks, (2,000 pairs in all) and one pound of chocolate, and tutti frutti to take on shore; games, books, fruits, jam,