

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO BELGIUM

That Canada, with the many calls made upon her through her own glorious participation in this great war, has kept up her subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Work, is a proof of her unflinching sympathy with the innocent victims of the war — mostly women and children — at present under the heel of the unscrupulous Germans.

The subscriptions have however not come in lately with the same spontaneous first rush of unbounded generosity; it was difficult to many to realize that the needs of Belgium were so urgent, and — with the exhaustion of their own natural resources — ever increasing. The Committee has therefore had to continually keep the true position — appalling as it was and still is to-day — before the eyes of the public. For this purpose advertisements have had to be published, which — thanks to the unstinting support accorded by the Canadian Press — have met with a response even greater than would be expected from such a whole hearted and generous people.

The total subscribed by the people of Canada through the Canadian Central Executive Committee of the Relief Work for the Victims of the War in Belgium reached on the 15th June 1917, the total of \$2,827,191.47.

To this figure is to be added \$5,606.19 received by the Central Executive Committee from the following sources: New Foundland, \$68.10; United States of America, \$5,434.05; (also \$2,765.70 in goods); England, \$27.43; Hawaii, \$55; and far off China, \$21.61 or a total handled by the Central Executive Committee of \$2,835,563.36.

Important sums of money have also been forwarded by Canada direct to the Belgian Relief organization in England, the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, or to various charitable organizations through the Consul General for Belgium in Canada, Mr. M. Goor. These gifts are divided into provinces as follows:

Dominion of Canada	\$23,750.00
Nova Scotia	6,051.62
New Brunswick	48,014.00
Prince Edward Island	5,764.00
Quebec	40,740.57
Ontario	21,192.52
Manitoba	4,677.05
Saskatchewan	67,116.92
Alberta	5,173.05