

Miss Merrill's Appeal for Belgian Relief

Miss Helen Merrill's thanks to subscribers to The Canadian War, for money received through the paper, and her appeal for further support, was received too late for insertion in this

number.

Half of subscriptions sent to Miss Merrill, c-o The Canadian War, will go to the Belgian Relief Fund of the U. E. Loyalists.

THUNDER BAY AND THE BELGIANS

Report of the Belgian Relief Committee at Fort William from the Belgian Consulate, District of Thunder Bay: John King, Vice-Consul.

One carload of 410 bags of flour, citizens of Fort William and Port Arthur.

One carload of 400 bags of flour, citizens of Fort Frances.

One carload of 400 bags of flour, citizens of Kenora.

Two tons of rice, special donations, citizens of Rossport.

One hundred and nine cases of goods have been shipped, including special items.

One carload of new clothing, blankets, boots, groceries, etc., donated by Messrs. O'Brien, McDougall & O'Gorman, value, as per invoices, \$3,700.

Four cases of new clothing (men's), shoes, etc., donated by Mr. McDougan, Port Arthur, Ont., and valued at \$1,000, as per invoices.

Twelve cases of new and second-hand clothing and blankets from citizens of Fort Frances, Ont.

Nine cases of clothing, new and second-hand, from citizens of Kenora.

Two cases of clothing, new and second-hand, from citizens of Emo (\$200).

One case of clothing, new and second-hand, from citizens of Keewatin.

One trunk of clothing, new and second-hand, from friends.

Thirty-five pairs new feather pillows, from citizens of Kenora.

Twenty-four cases mostly new and second-hand clothing, blankets, boots and shoes, groceries, etc., from citizens of Fort William and Port Arthur.

Twenty-five complete outfits or layettes for babies, and 25 outfits for mothers, with all necessary articles for the cases. Goods to make layettes were bought with proceeds of series of concerts given by St. Luke's Boys' Club, under the direction of L. W. Hallett, gross receipts being: Fort William, one performance, Orpheum, \$315; Port Arthur, one performance, Lyceum, \$95; Fort Frances, three performances, Opera House, \$300.

Sir William Mackenzie, C.N.R., free transportation of troupe of 24 players, Fort William to Fort Frances and return.

Donation from Municipality of Nepigon, \$25.

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Donation from Rossport, for Rice, \$83.60.

Donation from Ignace, by J. Denby, \$14.50.

Proceeds of concert at Keewatin, \$58.

Proceeds of potatoes sold by City of Port Arthur, donated by farmers of district, \$50.45.

Donation from Murillo Methodist Sunday School scholars, \$25.

John King, expenses in connection with transportation of troupe, secretary, etc., \$45.

FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY.

Despite the cosmopolitan character of the population in Northern Ontario and the fact that the ratio of unemployment there is much lower than in the remainder of the province, there has always been a plethora of recruits.

When recruits were called for the second contingent three hundred men mustered from the north at Sudbury. Two hundred of them were sent back home, since only one hundred could be equipped and taken. Many of these men have given up their jobs to go, and when they returned were out of work for some time.

That was not very conducive to recruiting, but if any special appeal were made hundreds more could be obtained at a few hours' notice. When Major Eddie Holland, V.C., sought 45 men for his automobile battery he was flooded with applications from the best youth of the country; and he has sent back to Ottawa 45 of the most hard-bitten, sturdy prospectors the North has produced, known on every trail for the past five years, many of them skilled mechanics and all of them lightning quick in an emergency.

Of these men the great majority have joined from an innate love of strife with man or Nature, and a hatred of the humdrum life to which they are now condemned since their prospecting occupation has gone: but some few have gone from a sense of duty.