

In order to ensure proper and effective distribution of supplies and other assistance, it was deemed necessary to send Colonel G. S. Ryerson, A.M.C., as Commissioner to South Africa. The zeal and energy of our Commissioner were commended in despatches of Lord Roberts and other generals.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Lyons Biggar acted as Assistant Commissioner, and effectually carried on the work so ably begun by his predecessor.

Mr. J. T. Small, K.C., a member of the Council, undertook while in England in 1900 the important duty of looking after the Canadian sick and wounded in the hospitals there, pending their return to Canada.

Upon the close of the war the unexpended balance of \$7,000 was transferred to a trust fund, which balance is now in the hands of the Society for the special purpose for which it was originally subscribed.

The Society was incorporated as The Canadian Red Cross Society by Act of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada in 1909, and thus became the official channel of communication as between the public of Canada, the British Red Cross Society, and the Department of Militia and Defence of Canada, for the purposes of furnishing aid and assistance to the sick and wounded in war

#### ORGANIZATION OF BRANCHES.

The Council will proceed with the work of organizing Provincial and Local Branches, and to this end invite those interested in this branch of philanthropic work to communicate with the General Secretary, who will be pleased to furnish full information in respect to Red Cross Work.

It is expected that the Society will receive the hearty co-operation and willing aid of all loyal and patriotic Canadians of every class, creed and nationality.