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ders what significance these curious symbols may have for the Russian or French soldier, or even for the English Tommy, for whom, by chance, these pathetic offerings of the sad remnant of a passing race may be destined.

The first object of the workers was the outfitting of the men of the local regiments, but as more and more women were drawn into the organizations, and as the work became more systematized and the output steadily increased, it was inevitable that their patriotic endeavour should become broader in its scope. The appeal of the Red Cross was not unanswered; when the sufferings of the Belgians touched the sympathies of the civilized world during the early months of the war not only a large sum of money but an enormous quantity of clothing went from the women of the Last West to those of the martyred nation. There have been innumerable "tag

days", when the women of Victoria and Vancouver have stood upon the street corners for long hours collecting contributions for the French Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, the Jewish sufferers in Poland, the stricken Serbians, and for the many funds which have been launched. In the city of Vancouver alone the women have raised more than \$75,000 for the prisoners of war.

No organization has been second to the Red Cross Society in the extent and magnitude of the work done, and since its formation many new societies have come into existence with the object of promoting special lines of patriotic endeavour. But the Daughters of the Empire have the honour of being first in the field in British Columbia and it was their privilege, which they owed to the perfection of their organization, to inaugurate war work for women, and to make the people realize from the outset that it was not