

# INTERESTING FACTS

Concerning the work of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association, showing how it has almost doubled in the past year.

**T**HE Fund started with 900 families. At December 31st, 1915, they numbered 5,780.

The total number of families on the Fund at the end of 1916 was over 10,000.

The dependents a year ago numbered 15,000. They now number over 28,000, of whom 17,712 are young children.

The amount paid out for relief to families in the month of December, 1915, was \$87,158.98. In December last year it was \$148,070.64.

The salaries paid for the administration of this relief to December 31st, 1916, amounted to \$34,292.60. The number of employes of the Fund averages 30 to 36 a month, and the highest salary is \$100 a month. Several workers are included in the staff whose services are very valuable and are given without the least remuneration.

Other expenses of the Fund, since its inception, are:—Rent, \$2,595.36; printing and stationery, \$3,360.08; postage and telegrams, \$3,240.08; war tax stamps, \$5,555.89; office fixtures and supplies, \$3,992.19.

Against expenses the Fund has received \$16,000 from banks in interest.

The net expenses of the Fund are 1.6 per cent.

**O**F every \$10.00 given to the Fund the wives, mothers and children of soldiers receive \$9.84.

Compassionate allowances total \$24,558.94, and transportation—an allow-

ance to families who, during the first year and a half of the war, were assisted to England, now discontinued—totalled \$14,022.38.

The families receiving relief from the fund are composed as follows:

1	wife with	10	children
7	wives	"	8
39	"	"	7
159	"	"	6
366	"	"	5
781	"	"	4
1344	"	"	3
2300	"	"	2
2833	"	"	1 child

There are also on the Fund 469 mothers of soldiers, 1670 childless wives, 21 fathers, 12 guardians of soldiers' children, 18 sisters, two grandmothers and one mother-in-law.

The average relief to a family is \$15.75 a month.

**T**HE Patriotic Fund acts as a lawyer, agent and guide for the woman bereft of her husband, and the wounded and returned soldier, in the securing of pensions, and in setting in operation of the other machinery necessary in their dealings with the civil and military authorities. The Fund receives thousands of visits, and writes thousands of letters monthly, on matters that do not relate to its fundamental purpose, the dispensing of monetary relief. This work is done gladly without charge.

The Fund, in its relations as an intermediary between the man who gives and the man who goes, acts on these principles and requisites:—

To the giver (1) honesty, (2) economy in administration, (3) a guarantee that those who require relief will receive that utmost patriotic fairness to which they are entitled.

To the soldiers' dependents (1) courtesy, (2) kindness, (3) fairness in dollars and cents distribution. It is estimated that over two million dollars will be expended on relief in the City of Toronto and the County of York during 1917.

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