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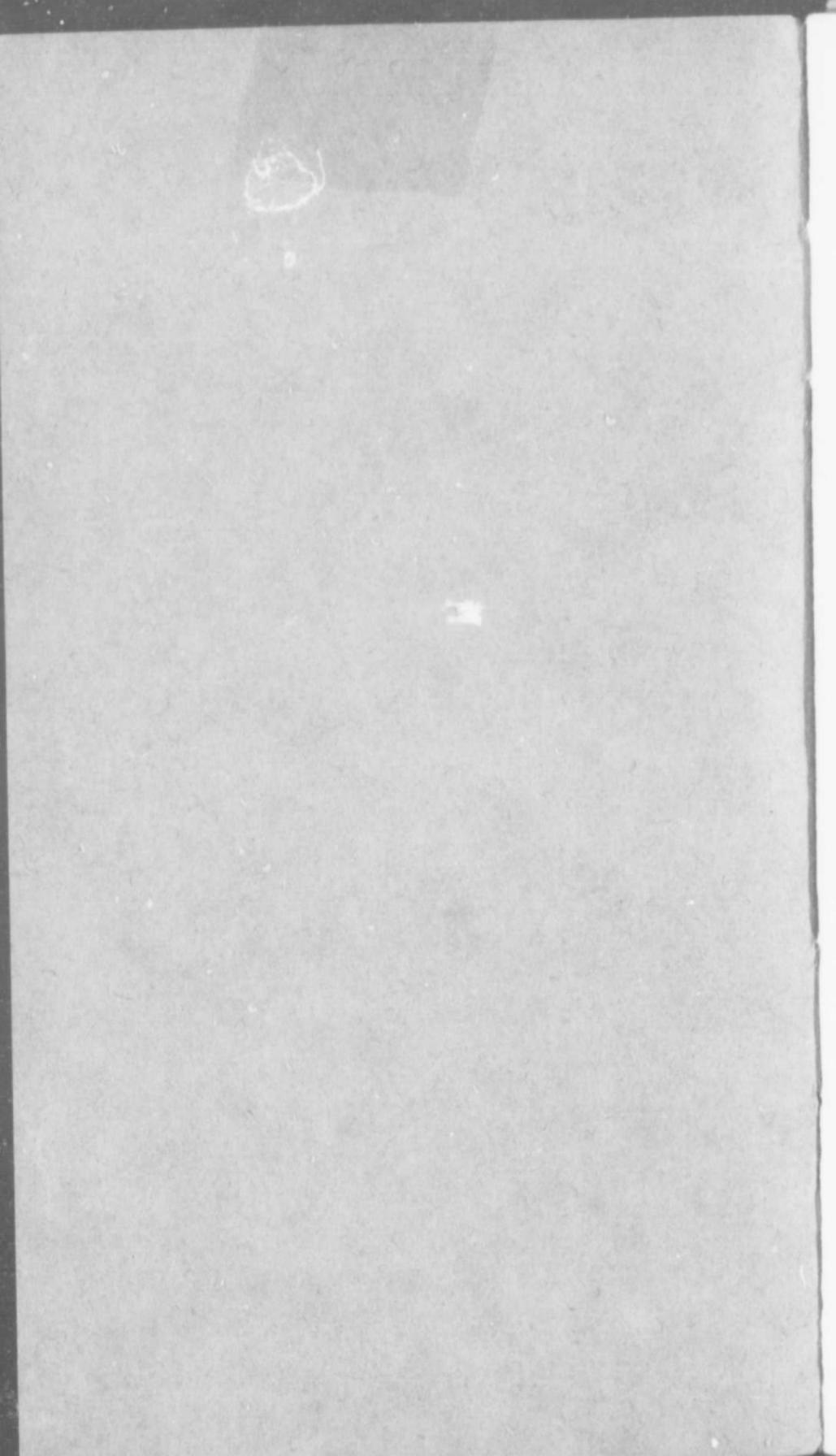
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TORONTO AND YORK COUNTY  
PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION



# **\$2,000,000**

## **Wanted from Toronto and York County for Canadian Patriotic Fund.**

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Quarter of Dominion's 25,000 Soldiers'  
Families are to Be Found Within  
Limits of County and City—  
Monthly Payments Amount to  
\$100,000, and are Rising.

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**VIGOROUS THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN PLAN-  
NED, COMMENCING ON THE 25TH  
OF THIS MONTH.**

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An addition of \$8,000,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund is the call to duty which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught issued on New Year's Day to the people of Canada—to those who because they cannot fight ought to pay.

There are more than 25,000 families—or between 50,000 and 60,000 souls—receiving assistance from that fund. This assistance the people of the country have obligated themselves to maintain by the very fact of the establishment of the fund and its promises.

Of the \$8,000,000, the share which belongs to Toronto and the County of York to furnish is \$2,000,000.

This city and county have within their limits one-quarter of the Dominion's 25,000 soldiers' families. We pay out to them \$100,000 a month. And the amount is steadily rising with every new battalion that is enlisted. One-third of the recruits are married men.

Of this great city and rich country it is not too much to ask that faith be kept with the men who have joined the colors and are joining daily; and faith kept also with the other parts of the Dominion with whom we are acting in this common and necessary cause.

### *To Support Fund is a Patriotic Duty.*

The practical value of the Patriotic Fund is testified to by every recruiting officer. Its support is both a patriotic duty and in a very real and practical sense an augmentation of the fighting forces of the Empire.

The campaign to raise our \$2,000,000 is to be held during the last week in this month (January). It will commence on the 25th and continue three days. A thorough canvass of the city and county will be made and the co-operation of every class and section of the population is confidently appealed for. Subscriptions are to be paid in ten equal instalments monthly.

Two million dollars is a somewhat larger amount than has ever been raised in Canada in a short campaign, but the generosity and patriotism of the people of this city and county may be relied upon to carry it through.

The amount for which His Royal Highness has appealed will carry the work of the fund through the ensuing year, unless larger Canadian forces are enlisted than were calculated upon. And if, as is to be sincerely hoped, the war comes to an end during 1916, this campaign will carry the fund until our soldiers come marching home to receive the welcome of their loved ones and the gratitude of their country.

After all it is little that those who remain at home can ever do to discharge the debt which the whole world and civilization itself owes to these our fellow-citizens who, leaving behind them their homes in Canada, have joined the Empire's forces on the fields of France and Belgium.

### *How Fund Originated.*

The Canadian Patriotic Fund was instituted at the instance of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in September, 1914, for the purpose of supplementing the pay of the soldiers in Canada's army, whose dependents in their absence might be in need of assistance to enable them to continue to enjoy the comforts to which they had been accustomed. A publicly-subscribed fund for a similar purpose had at that time been or-

ganized in Great Britain under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and was being very generously subscribed to. In Canada, the response to His Excellency's appeal was no less prompt and liberal.

The Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association is a branch of the Canadian Association. The moneys which are collected by it become part of the Canadian fund. The administration is carried on in close association with the central organization. All disbursements, whether for expenses or by way of allowances to soldiers' dependents, are made by the local association, but are reported to the central body and are in accordance with the rules laid down by it for the guidance of all the branches throughout Canada. The relationship is intimate and harmonious. It gives the advantage of local knowledge and sympathy along with the safeguards and efficiency of central supervision and advice.

### *Canadian Fund Gets any Surplus.*

Contributors to the Toronto and York Fund are making their contributions at the same time to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. From the point of view of the Canadian fund the result of this relationship is that any portion of the moneys raised in Toronto and the County of York in excess of what is needed for soldiers' dependents who live in this city and county is at the disposal of the Canadian

Association for the dependents of soldiers in other parts of the Dominion. Toronto is a very wealthy city. Many financial and business concerns of national scope are located here and make their contributions through the Toronto fund. Their subscriptions are, however, national, rather than local. To this city, as well as some other large centres of population and wealth, the Canadian fund naturally looks to supply larger sums of money than are needed for the dependents of their own soldiers.

### *Montreal Has Done Share.*

In portions of Canada—in the West, for example—enlistments of men have been proportionately greater in comparison with other parts of the Dominion than the wealth of the people in those sections. It is proper, therefore, that assistance should be forthcoming from elsewhere where the wealth is disproportionate to the enlistments to equalize the distribution of the financial obligation which the country as a whole has assumed toward the soldiers' families. Montreal has met her share of this general obligation. During last year that city's own dependents received allowances totalling \$800,000. But Montreal people contributed to the fund \$1,500,000. This being \$700,000 in excess of the city's own requirements, this large sum was at the disposal of the Central Executive at Ottawa. Montreal is now entering the second year with a campaign to raise another million dollars.

## *Who are the Beneficiaries?*

For whom is the fund intended?

It is for the wives and children of soldiers on overseas service; for the widowed mothers of soldiers who were their sole or main support; for the mothers of soldiers whose husbands although alive are incapacitated from earning their living and the soldier son was the sole or main support; for other dependents of soldiers. There must be dependency; and there must be need of assistance over and above other income; and in the third place the assistance afforded by the fund must in each case conform to the need. The principle laid down in fixing allowances is that the dependents are to be maintained as far as practicable in the comforts to which they have been accustomed. This does not mean that in some cases there is not deprivation. There may be instances in which this is the case, because the fund has adopted a maximum, as well as a minimum amount of assistance that will be given to any family. And it is also true that in a good many cases home comforts have been not merely maintained, but have been visibly increased. For this the administrators of the fund make no apology. So long as the allowances are not wastefully or improperly expended, the fact that the fund has contributed to improve the standards of living in many homes in Toronto and throughout the Dominion should

be a source of satisfaction. Where allowances are known to be wastefully or improperly used, they are after due warning reduced or stopped altogether.

### *Not for Officers' Dependents.*

Allowances have in no case been made to the dependents of commissioned officers by the Toronto and York Association.

How much do the patriotic allowances amount to?

They vary according to the size and circumstances of each family. There is a basic scale of subsistence with which the committee works. It is estimated that for a wife, the scale of subsistence in Toronto is \$30 a month, and for each child there is a certain additional monthly amount. For example, for a wife with two children, both under five years, the subsistence scale would work out as follows:

	Month.
Wife, \$1 a day .....	\$30 00
Two children, 10c. a day each....	6 00
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Total.....	\$36 00

### *Older Children Get More.*

From this, the separation allowance, which is paid by the Government, over and above the soldier's pay, is deducted by the Patriotic Committee. That is \$20.00 a month for the wife (nothing for children). After

making this deduction the balance to be paid by the Patriotic Fund is \$16.00 a month to that family. If the children were older the allowance for them would be slightly increased. Always the surrounding circumstances are taken into account and the allowance is made to fit each case as nearly as possible. There is infinite variety in the questions which arise in administering the fund. It may easily be that the judgment of the Committee may not coincide in some cases with the opinions of other people as to what ought to have been done. But it is gratifying to know that after more than fifteen months, and dealing with 9,000 applications in Toronto, the Patriotic Fund enjoys a full measure of public confidence. It has incurred extremely little criticism. The above example has been cited because it represents the average allowance by the Toronto Committee—namely, \$16 a month.

### *A Sample Income.*

It may be asked what the total income from all sources of a wife with two children would be. Here are the figures by the month:

Soldier's assigned pay.....	\$15 00
Government's separation allow- ance .....	20 00
Patriotic Fund .....	16 00
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Total for the month.....	\$51 00

Or \$11.77 a week.

Where there are a greater number of children, or they are older, the assigned pay and separation allowance remain unchanged, but the Patriotic allowance increases to a maximum of \$30.00 a month. On the other hand, there are many smaller allowances, so that the average over all the families in Toronto and the County of York is \$16.00.

### *Nine Thousand Cases Considered.*

The number of cases which have been investigated by the Toronto Patriotic Committee has reached 9,000. Of these, 6,000 have been found to be eligible for allowances. An immense amount of work is entailed by so great a volume of business both inside the office and in the investigation department. The utmost pains and care must be taken to deal equitably with every case while safeguarding the Fund.

The number of dependents is not, as many have supposed, the 6,000 families, but nearly 15,000 souls—the population of a small city. To carry on this work the cost has been kept within the percentage fixed by the Central Executive at Ottawa as an economical standard—namely, two per cent. of the disbursements. No salaries are paid except to the office staff. A number of unpaid volunteer workers give all their time to the work, and contribute to the organization both economy and efficiency.

### *Large Sums Paid Out Here.*

The monthly payment of allowances from the Toronto and York branch now amount to \$100,000. This is one-fifth of the total Patriotic payments throughout Canada. It is to sustain these monthly payments and provide for future additions that the Toronto and York Patriotic Association now asks the people of this city and county to subscribe.

During the past year, Toronto and York contributed about a million dollars. By the end of next month the whole of this amount will have been exhausted in payments to our own soldiers' dependents. We have not, therefore, fulfilled the expectations of the Central Association by contributing in excess of our own needs. The cause of this is not to be found in any want of generosity on the part of the people of the city and county. The enlistments have so far exceeded what was thought possible a year ago, that a large enough sum was not asked for on the occasion of the first Patriotic campaign.

### *Two Millions Will Do It.*

The sum of \$2,000,000 will take care of our own needs during the year and leave something over to square our account with the balance of the Dominion. Just a few

figures touching Toronto's position as compared with some other cities and towns. During the twelve months ending September 30th, 1915, the subscriptions actually paid in the following places in Ontario were according to per capita of population as follows:

	Per Capita.
Toronto .....	\$1 28
Ottawa .....	2 68
Kingston .....	1 75
Peterboro .....	1 58
Berlin .....	2 56
Galt .....	2 85
Brockville .....	2 28
Oshawa .....	2 63
Pembroke .....	3 70
Waterloo .....	4 50
Hespeler .....	3 95
Almonte .....	4 80
Walkerville .....	11 18
Sudbury and Coniston ....	7 75

### *Generously Supported Elsewhere.*

By way of explanation regarding Toronto, it must be said that a portion of the million dollars subscribed in this city a year before had not fallen due and was not paid on the

date of the above comparison. But it will do us no harm to know how generously the Patriotic Fund is supported elsewhere.

Making the comparison by Provinces, the contributions during the year ending September 30th, 1915, were:

	Population.	Amount Raised.	Per Capita Cont'n.
Maritime Prov.....	900,000	\$ 325,000	\$0 36
Quebec .....	2,100,000	1,675,000	80
Ontario .....	2,600,000	1,750,000	68
Manitoba .....	525,000	750,000	1 42
Saskatchewan .....	600,000	240,000	40
Alberta .....	500,000	238,000	48
British Columbia....	475,000	372,000	78

### *Comparison Should Be Stimulus.*

Here, too, the comparison will act as a spur and stimulus for this splendid Province of Ontario. The municipalities are doing magnificently in many cases. Contributions are being made by municipal councils of as much as five mills on the dollar to be put on the tax rate. Some people think the Patriotic Fund allowances should be paid out of money altogether raised by taxation. Without entering into a discussion of this question, it may be said that the Canadian Patriotic Fund Executive has carefully considered

this idea and is of the opinion that the present plan has practical advantages over a system based upon Government support.

Anyway, whatever may be said on one side or the other, on one thing we will all agree. Seeing that our soldiers are under our voluntary system offering themselves without waiting for any law to "fetch them," those of us who remain behind will, we feel sure, voluntarily and willingly supply all the money that the Patriotic Fund requires for their families. At the same time, contributions are being made by municipal councils to be collected in the tax bills, and in this way there is a combination in practice of the two ideas of taxation and voluntarism.

### *Demands on Funds are Heavy.*

This outline of the work of the Patriotic Fund has been prepared with a view to supplying information such as may be useful in connection with the \$2,000,000 campaign. It is partly a report of a year's operations and partly an appeal for further support. The demands upon the fund are and will be very heavy. When the calculation was made that the Fund's needs for Canada during the calendar year 1916 would be \$8,000,000 the authorized forces were 250,000. They have now been raised to 500,000. The speed with which these additional men are recruited will determine the demands to be

made upon the Patriotic Fund. One thing is plain. The \$2,000,000 that Toronto and York County is asked to provide is the minimum, and less than the minimum that will be required to discharge our share of the country's obligations to its soldiers for the maintenance in comfort of their dependents. Let everybody get behind the Campaign and do his share. In the words so familiar these days on our streets:

AND HOW ABOUT YOU?

# Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association

## OFFICERS :

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H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

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Honorary Presidents

SIR JOHN S. HENDRIE

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SIR WILLIAM MULOCK, K.C.M.G.

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# Interesting Facts

## *Concerning the Work of Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association.*

Applications made to the fund during the month of December numbered 674, of which 583 were accepted, 56 held for further consideration, and 80 pronounced not eligible. Total applications for assistance since the inception number about 9,000.

The average monthly visits of Public Health Nurses number about 900, the number of visits for December, 1915, being 1,110. There were 331 cases of sickness reported during the same month.

Up to the 31st of December, the Association has paid for services of 389 Visiting Nurses, 212 Victorian Order Nurses, and 8 St. Elizabeth Order, 75 Practical Nurses, and 111 Housekeepers.

The number of inquiries made at the office during the month of December, 1915, was 2,281. Some months it is two or three times this number.

The total number of cases of sickness reported and dealt with up to the 31st of December was 1,932, of which 722 were obstetrical.

Total number of physicians giving free services, 265.

Total number of chemists giving free prescriptions, 66.

During December the fund maintained 67 hospital cases, 14 of which were in the Sick Children's Hospital.

During December the Investigating Department made 1,027 visits and investigations, 448 of them in the homes of the dependents.

Cash payments on subscriptions had been received up to 31st December, 1915, amounting to \$832,249, which with \$6,842 of interest on unused balance from time to time, made a grand total of cash \$839,091.

Disbursements for all purposes up to the 31st of December, 1915, amounted to \$767,291, leaving a balance in hand of \$71,800.

There were 900 families on the fund in September, 1914. In December, 1915, there were 5,742.

Relief paid out to families was \$21,567 in September, 1914, and for December, 1915, the amount was \$88,782.

The average monthly payment to a family is about \$16.00.

Total salaries paid in administering the fund for the seventeen months, from its inception to the 31st of December, amounted to \$15,098.

Disbursements for the month of January, 1916, will amount to something over \$90,000, against which we have \$71,800 in hand. The deficit of \$20,000 will be covered by the payment of subscriptions. We expect to receive on account of subscriptions due in September, 1916, a sufficient amount to cover the January deficit, and provide largely for the February requirements.

The total number of dependents on the fund, including children, on December 31st, 1915, was nearly 15,000. The percentage of allowances given on account of children is about 40%.

# Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association

## STATEMENT OF FUND

From Commencement to December 31st, 1915.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS (including \$3,134.40 of Campaign advertising donated by newspapers, deducted below amongst expenses) .....	\$1,014,482 41	
Less—amount uncollected .....	182,232 92	
	<hr/>	\$832,249 49
BANK INTEREST ON DEPOSITS, \$6,842.91 + interest to add as per advice from Ottawa, \$1,564.90.....		6,842 91
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		\$839,092 40
	Disbursements:	
Payments to Dependents:		
Relief Disbursements .....	\$715,963 62	
Compassionate Allowances, etc.....	12,048 13	
Transportation .....	10,276 57	
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Campaign Expenses:		
Advertising .....	\$3,294 53	
All other charges .....	3,349 85	
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Administration Expenses:		
Salaries .....	\$15,098 50	
Rent .....	765 63	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,852 83	
Postage and Telegrams.....	1,456 09	
Office Supplies .....	1,675 93	
War Tax Stamps.....	1,509 59	
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		767,291 00
BALANCE OF FUND AT DECEMBER 31st, 1915 .....		\$71,801 40
This balance is represented by the following assets:		
Cash on deposit with Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa + interest to be added, \$1,564.90 .....	\$69,145 40	
Bread Tickets .....	88 00	
Stamps .....	16 02	
Cash on hand in office.....	86 38	
Car Tickets .....	5 83	
	<hr/>	\$69,341 63
Bank Balance in Central Canada Loan & Savings Company.....	1,033 80	
	<hr/>	\$70,375 43
Add—10 shares Preferred Stock of Dominion Manufacturers, Limited, at par value.....	\$1,000 00	
Office furniture and fixtures.....	425 97	
	<hr/>	1,425 97
TOTAL, as above .....		\$71,801 40