

THE
MONTREAL GAZETTE
TOBACCO FUND.

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for
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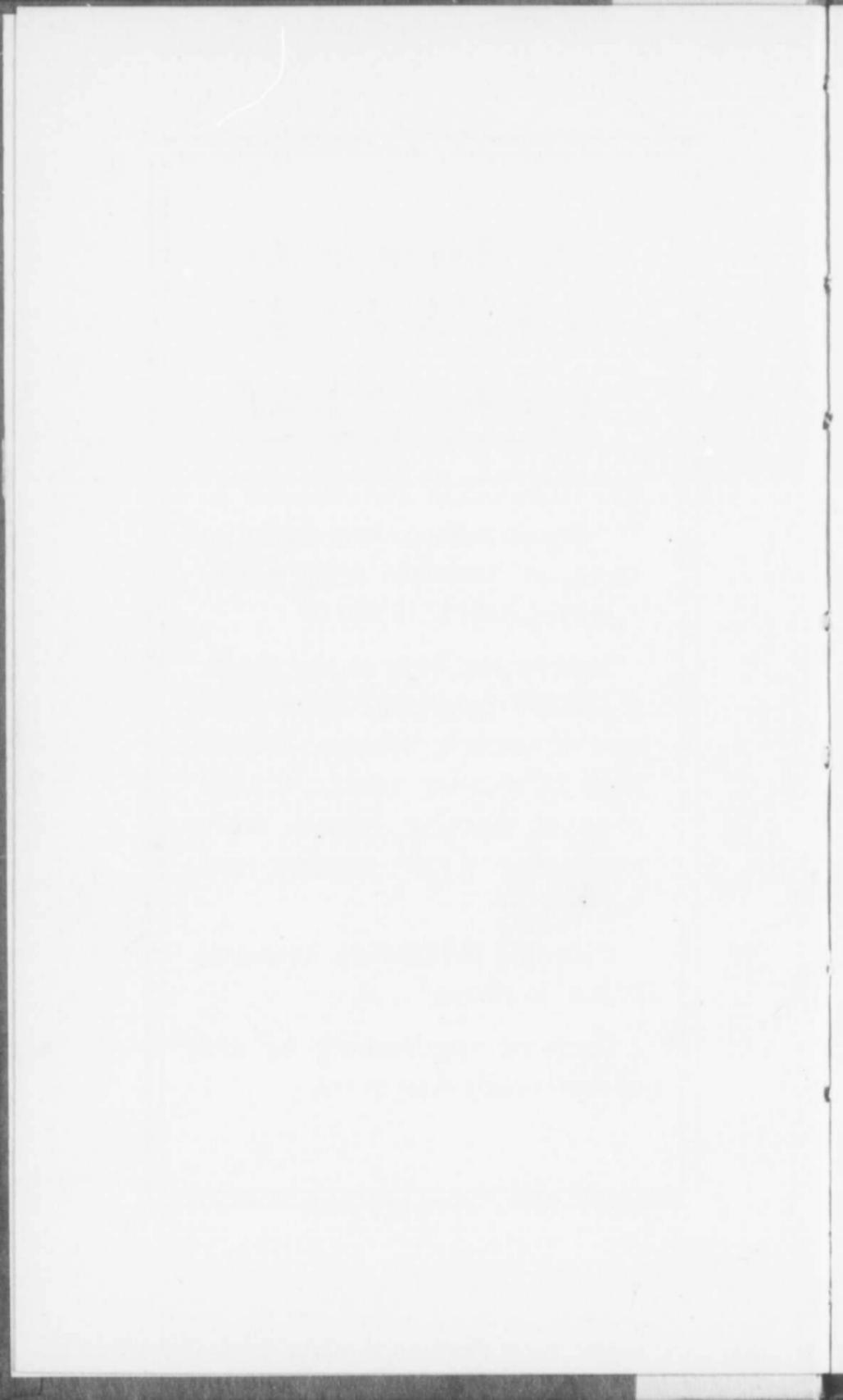
The Record of the
GAZETTE
Tobacco Fund

PURCHASED and shipped to France tobacco and cigarettes worth, at Montreal retail prices, approximately \$575,000.00.

Sent to the boys at the Front, 25,000,000 cigarettes, 500,000 packages of smoking tobacco, 550,000 plugs of chewing tobacco, 125,000 plugs of smoking tobacco, 6,674 pipes, and 4,122 pouches and lighters.

Collected \$193,403.22, or almost \$1,000.00 a week.

Operated continuously for 195 weeks—nearly four years.



The Story of the Fund

DURING the month of February, 1915, when the First Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force was still struggling with the mud of Salisbury Plain, it was suggested to the management of *The Gazette* that it should establish a tobacco fund for the benefit of the Canadians overseas. The attention of those making the suggestion had been directed to the success attending the operation of similar funds established by British newspapers. The feeling behind the request was that Canadians should look after their own, and render it unnecessary for their representatives at the Front to rely upon the people of Great Britain for their tobacco. It should come from the people they had left behind—that was the feeling.

The Gazette instituted inquiries, and found that under the existing arrangements the British Government would be pleased to provide transportation and distribution for tobacco so contributed to supplement the ration issued to men on active service, and that the French and Belgian Governments had generously agreed to allow such tobacco to enter free of taxation. This arrangement did not allow the distribution duty free of tobacco in Great Britain, and it was, there-

fore, necessary to await the departure of the Canadians for France before inaugurating the activities of the Fund. In the meantime *The Gazette* entered into an arrangement with a well-known firm of British tobacconists, at that time extensively engaged in supplying the tobacco funds of several British newspapers.

Naturally, neither the British War Office nor the Canadian Government advertised the movements of the Canadian troops, and it was not until the first casualty list came through that it was definitely known that the Canadians were at the Front and had been engaged with the enemy. It was, therefore, not until March 27, 1915, that the first announcement of *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund appeared in the columns of *The Gazette*, occupying a full page. In that announcement the purpose of the Fund was told, and the readers of *The Gazette* were asked to evidence their sympathy by forwarding contributions, the purpose of the first week's activity being to send a package of tobacco valued at \$1.00 and containing two hundred cigarettes and almost a pound of tobacco, to each man in the 13th Royal Highlanders and the 14th Royal Montreal, the two Montreal regiments in line in the First Canadian Division. The response of the public was more than satisfactory, for on April 5th *The Gazette* printed the first instalment of acknowledgments of subscriptions received. It required 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ col-

umns of *The Gazette*, the amount collected being \$2,300.00. Not only the public, but the military authorities, received the inauguration of the Tobacco Fund with enthusiastic evidences of goodwill. In the first week of the Fund's history the following letter came from Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, then Minister of Militia:

"Am sending you a cheque for \$25.00 for Tobacco Fund. While I do not myself use the weed, yet I never object to those who find comfort and solace in it. Nothing is too good for the boys at the Front, and I much appreciate the work of *The Gazette* in hitting upon an original plan by means of which everybody can assist in showing the Canadians in the trenches that they are not forgotten."

No one thought when the Fund was established that its lifetime would be nearly four years. As General Hughes remarked, everybody could assist in showing the men in the trenches that they had not been forgotten. It was this spirit that kept the Fund not merely alive, but very active, during the years of its operation.

Never before on this continent has a purely voluntary newspaper fund had so long a period of continuous activity as *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund. There have been newspaper funds which have had more subscribers, but never before has there been a

newspaper fund operated continuously for a period of 195 weeks. During that period the total received from the public amounted to \$193,403.22, the largest amount of subscriptions received in any one week being \$3,756.88, and the smallest \$282.85, the average per week for the 195 weeks being \$991.81.

As remarkable as the lifetime of the Fund was the fact that several of the names in the initial announcement of subscriptions appeared in every subsequent weekly announcement of the Fund. Others appeared monthly and many others occasionally. It is impossible to single out the names of contributors for particular mention, and it is not expected, for people who contribute week after week, month after month, for years, do not do so for the sake of personal advertisement, but because their sympathy is deeply interested. This was plainly evidenced in the thousands of letters accompanying contributions. The point mainly dwelt upon in these communications was the necessity of standing behind the boys at the Front in every way possible. If ever there was a real free-will offering it was that of the people of Canada made through *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund. Nine-tenths of the total amount collected came through the mails, or over the counter of *The Gazette* business office, unsolicited in any other way than through the small display advertising appeals published daily in the paper. The

other tenth came as the result of the work of the only salaried employee of the Fund, a young lady engaged in promoting contributions amongst factory employees, etc. With so many patriotic and worthy causes appealing to this same source, and with the high cost of living ever mounting higher, it was not strange that the receipts from this source were not larger than they were. But even here, the Fund was weekly in receipt of tangible evidences of the sympathy its work possessed amongst the working classes of Montreal.

While the Fund, therefore, relied entirely, with this solitary exception, upon voluntary contributions, it is but right to say that it did have the assistance of many volunteer workers. One gentleman, for instance, well known on the Board of Trade, instituted a canvass of his more intimate friends, and every month turned in enough to give several hundred men on the Front good Canadian smoking material. A Chicago man, a Canadian, inaugurated a "Shilling-a-week-until-the-War-is-Won" Fund in June, 1915, and every week collected an average of seventy subscriptions, mainly from fellow-Canadians located in Chicago and vicinity. And when, finally, the War was won, he wrote saying that he felt that the discontinuance of the Fund was almost like the loss of a friend.

The method adopted of operating the Fund was that which had been proven suc-

cessful by the British newspaper funds. A unit size of parcel was decided upon, the value being placed at 25 cents. For this the purveyors agreed to supply fifty cigarettes and a package of smoking tobacco weighing a fifth of a pound, the whole to be enclosed in a cardboard box with a postal card addressed to the person who had contributed the purchase price and on which the recipient might personally convey his thanks for the gift. This "Thank You" card was one of the successful features of the Fund. Hundreds of thousands of these cards came back across the Atlantic. Sometimes the recipient of the tobacco was acquainted with the sender. In the first lot of return cards received from the Front the postal note of thanks came to a man from his former desk-mate. Sometimes the recipient recorded his thanks in verse, frequently of a not indifferent quality, and occasionally the message was pictorial. Always it was appreciative, and to these return cards must be ascribed a very considerable portion of the continued success of the Fund.

These 25-cent unit packages were packed one hundred in a case and sent to the officer commanding a military unit for general distribution amongst his men. In addition, there was also a "personal" package by which contributors were enabled to designate an individual soldier whom they wished to receive the contribution. These personal packages were printed in red and

bore on the label the name of the recipient. It is to be feared that this was the least successful feature of the Fund. In many cases the addresses supplied by the contributors were insufficient. The distribution of these packages further depended entirely upon the man who opened and distributed the contents of the case. In some instances a great deal of trouble was taken to find the individuals to whom these packages were addressed. Too frequently, it is to be feared, little or no effort was made. Again, when the packages arrived the man was a casualty and had gone into hospital. In some instances he had gone to his Great Reward. Still, a great many individual packages were properly delivered, and to all those who assisted in this way *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund wishes to extend its thanks for the co-operation received.

Soon after the shipments of the Fund began reaching the Front, complaints regarding the quality of the cigarette supplied came to *The Gazette*. One man was kind enough to deprive himself of an entire package in order that the management might see what the men were being asked to accept. The complaints were justified. If a man only wanted a cigarette because it was a cigarette it might answer, but the Canadians, as a rule, were accustomed to something better. The management of the Fund then and there reached the conclusion that the only way in which it could

render satisfactory service was to send nothing but Canadian cigarettes and nothing but tobacco of an established brand which every one knew. The Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada, Limited, was asked to undertake the supply. In order to buy at a price which would be attractive it was necessary that the tobacco and cigarettes should be manufactured "in bond," thereby avoiding the payment of inland revenue and custom taxation. The management of the Imperial Tobacco Company were not manufacturing "in bond," but they felt that the application of *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund afforded them an opportunity of doing their "bit," and made the price for Canadian manufactured tobacco and cigarettes equal to the British price regardless of higher manufacturing costs. Not only did the Imperial Tobacco Company do this, but in spite of the increasing cost of raw material, no advance was ever made to the Fund for its supplies. It may, therefore, truthfully be said that every dollar given to the Fund went directly to the purchase of cigarettes and tobacco at lower prices than the public could purchase them, even making allowances for excise and customs taxation. No one connected with the operations of the Fund made any profit out of it. It was all done for the good of the cause. Not only did the Imperial Tobacco Company thus supply the material at a very low price, but the Company also gave a weekly subscription to the Fund, and its employees

testified to the interest by inaugurating a "Shilling-a-Week" Fund, which during its existence contributed enough money to purchase nearly half a million cigarettes and a proportionate amount of smoking tobacco. *The Gazette* employees did the same, while *The Gazette* Company supplied the space used in *The Gazette* and all the operating expense of the Fund entirely free of charge.

The new package followed in its make-up closely along the lines of that hitherto supplied, and consisted of fifty Sweet Caporal cigarettes, five packages of ten each, exactly similar to those purchasable anywhere in Canada, and a package of a fifth of a pound of Old Chum smoking tobacco, both standard brands of the Imperial Company, the whole being packed in a neat cardboard box with a label carrying the following inscription:

Montreal Gazette Tobacco Fund

To the Recipient:

This little gift is sent you with the best wishes of the donor, who will greatly appreciate acknowledgment of its safe arrival on the enclosed addressed postal card.

"The Gazette" Tobacco Fund is maintained entirely by the voluntary contributions of those who desire to express their appreciation of the sacrifices made by the men who have gone to the Front. You can help the Fund by the message you send on the enclosed card.

The supply of cigarettes and tobacco of Canadian origin having been arranged, it became necessary to secure the transportation of the material to the men at the Front. Here Sir Sam Hughes again proved a friend of the Fund. He realized the good work it was doing and generously agreed to accept the cigarettes and tobacco at Montreal as military stores. They were shipped on transports consigned to the Canadian Ordnance Corps located at Ashford, Kent. That organization, on their arrival in England, arranged for their reshipment to the military units to which they were addressed.

It is interesting to note that of the many shipments thus made across the Atlantic every one arrived safely at its destination, despite the activities of the German submarines. The total value of this service, had the Fund been compelled to pay commercial rates, ran up into a great many thousand dollars. In fact, without this co-operation on the part of the military authorities, the operation of the Fund would have been impossible. The arrangement made by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes was, on his retirement from office, continued by his successor.

Changes in the Canadian Military organization in England made it necessary, finally, to get some other means of distribution at the Front. The Fund never

lacked friends, and in its dilemma it found another in Captain Mary Plummer, of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission. Captain Plummer, on the requirements of the Fund being made known to her, gladly placed the facilities of her Commission at the disposal of the Fund, and has, since the summer of 1917, kindly undertaken the work of receiving the shipments on arrival in England and their distribution to the units to which they were addressed in France. Each case contained a memorandum receipt addressed to the Tobacco Fund, which the Commanding Officer of the unit was asked to sign and return. Only a proportion of the receipts ever came back. For this a number of reasons may be advanced. Some cases undoubtedly failed to reach the units to which they were addressed. Tobacco was scarce at times on the Front, and when *The Gazette* boxes were going through, the temptation to appropriate was apparently too strong to be resisted. In other instances the tobacco arrived when the regiment was going into the trenches, and it was not always convenient for the responsible officer to return the receipt. In some cases it is to be feared that the fortunes of war made it impossible for him to do so. In one way or another about twenty-five per cent of the receipts failed to come back. It is, however, good to record that after Captain Plummer and her organization took charge of the distribution, the proportion of cases for which

receipts were received showed an increase, thus affording evidence of the care given to the shipments. The management of the Fund feels that it owes a great deal to the assistance rendered by Captain Plummer and the Field Comforts organization.

It ought also to be recorded that after the Imperial Company took charge of the supply of tobacco and cigarettes to the Fund, not one complaint was received from the Front as to the quality of the material supplied. On the contrary, commander after commander referred to the pleasure the distribution of smokes from Canada gave to the men. They were, in fact, doubly welcome because they came from Canada. Not only was the quality all right, but frequently comment was made in regard to the careful packing of the goods.

The next development of the work of the Fund came in the shape of a request that chewing tobacco be supplied. Men wrote that smoking was not allowed in the trenches and that chewing tobacco would be warmly appreciated, especially by those who had been in the habit of using tobacco in this way. It was found impossible, however, to secure chewing tobacco manufactured in bond. But, as remarked before, when the Fund wanted a friend it always found one, and this time it was W. C. Macdonald, Registered, which responded to the call. That concern could not

manufacture in bond, but it was willing and ready to do the next best thing, to sell to the Fund at the lowest price it did to anyone, and to make gifts of tobacco to the Fund from time to time, which would make the average cost to the Fund very low. That W. C. Macdonald Registered fully lived up to its undertaking may be gathered from the fact that in the three years in which it filled the chewing tobacco requirements of the Fund, it donated to the Fund at wholesale prices \$55,339.80 worth of tobacco.

How pleased the men were to get this tobacco may be gathered from the fact that chewing tobacco could not, at first, be secured at the Front at all. Not all men chew, but to the man who does the loss of his quid means something which can hardly be replaced by clouds of smoke, however good the material may be.

The activities of the Fund were, as already explained, started on March 27, 1915, and, so far as securing subscriptions from the public was concerned, they were concluded on Dec. 31, 1918, after a lifetime of three years and nine months.

No other newspaper fund on this continent ever had as long a period of continuous activity. Other funds there have been in plenty, operating only at certain seasons of the year, but *The Gazette Tobacco Fund* worked day in and day out for a period

of 195 weeks. Just what its activities amounted to, as far as the boys at the Front are concerned, may be gathered from the following list of smoking material supplied:

Cigarettes	25,630,850
Packages of Tobacco 1/5 lb.	512,617
Plugs of Chewing Tobacco...	551,400
Plugs of Smoking Tobacco...	123,310
Pipes	6,674
Pouches	4,122
Lighters	4,122

The value of the above, at Canadian retail prices, was approximately \$575,000.

In closing, the Fund desires to express its thanks to Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison, who have since its inception audited the books entirely free of charge.

The Auditors' Report

THE HON. SMEATON WHITE,
The Gazette Printing Company, Limited,
Montreal.

Gazette Tobacco Fund

Dear Sir:

We have examined the accounts of *The Gazette Tobacco Fund* from its inception on 27th March, 1915, to its close on 7th January, 1919, with the view of reporting thereon.

We have checked the subscriptions received, as recorded in the Cash Book, with the acknowledgments which have appeared in *The Gazette*, and find that the total acknowledgments approximately agree with the Cash received, amounting to \$193,403.22.

With regard to the disbursements, we have seen invoices from various tobacco manufacturers for the purchases shown in the statement appended hereto. Vouchers have also been produced to us showing the settlements for all invoices.

In further confirmation of the disbursements of the Fund, we have been shown numerous acknowledgments by Commanding Officers for cases of Tobacco and Cigarettes received for their Companies. These acknowledgments are sufficiently complete to show that shipments reached their destination in good order, and were much appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchinson
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Gazette Tobacco Fund

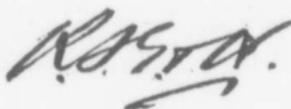
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 27th
March 1915 to 7th January 1919.

Receipts

Total Cash received \$193,403.22

Disbursements

Total shipments of Imperial Tobacco
Company and special shipments
of Chewing Tobacco \$193,403.22

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. S. D.', is written in a cursive style.

MONTREAL, 28th March, 1919.

Military Secrecy

AFTER the first few months of the lifetime of the Fund military regulations made it impossible to mention the names of units to which tobacco was first sent. Naturally this handicapped the work of the Fund, inasmuch as appeals could not be made for contributions for shipments to specified units. Again, military regulations forbade the soldier when sending his card of thanks mentioning the unit to which he belonged. These two factors deprived the Fund of much that would have made its appeals more effective. The Fund was, however, doing its best to help win the war and it, therefore, never questioned the wisdom or necessity of the embarrassing regulations.

The Distribution

The following is a list of the different units and the quantities of smoking material shipped to each. Each package of cigarettes contained ten cigarettes and each package of tobacco one fifth of a pound.

	Packages Cigar- ettes	Packages Tobacco	Plugs Smoking	Plugs Chewing	Pipes	Lighters	Pouches
1st Infantry Battn.....	45,130	9,026	.....	4,600	30	.....	.....
2nd " "	70,695	14,139	.....	4,000	531	500	500
3rd " "	58,935	11,787	.....	3,200	75	.....	.....
4th " "	44,600	8,920	.....	5,000	80	.....	.....
5th " "	39,470	7,894	2,850	11,400	30	.....	.....
7th " "	30,655	6,131	.....	2,800	25	.....	.....
8th " "	28,870	5,774	.....	4,200	.....	.....	.....
10th " "	25,945	5,189	.....	3,600	11	.....	.....
13th " "	126,205	25,241	2,470	8,800	1,183	900	900
14th " "	126,015	25,203	950	5,000	1,116	900	900
15th " "	30,930	6,186	.....	4,400	76	.....	.....

16th Infantry Battn.....	41,895	8,379	.....	5,400	55	.....	.....
18th " "	16,125	3,225	.....	2,800	3	.....	.....
19th " "	15,825	3,165	.....	2,800	25	.....	.....
20th " "	16,040	3,208	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
21st " "	33,845	6,769	2,660	5,800	7	.....	.....
22nd " "	77,745	15,549	2,090	5,400	31	.....	.....
24th " "	92,835	18,567	950	3,200	336	.....	.....
25th " "	15,940	3,188	.....	5,800	.....	.....	.....
26th " "	15,835	3,167	.....	3,800	21	.....	.....
27th " "	19,560	3,912	.....	3,000	4	.....	.....
28th " "	13,095	2,619	.....	3,000	3	.....	.....
29th " "	11,495	2,299	.....	3,000	25	.....	.....
31st " "	13,620	2,724	.....	11,800	.....	.....	.....
38th " "	8,660	1,732	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
42nd " "	90,625	18,125	380	11,800	223	.....	.....
43rd " "	11,760	2,352	.....	4,800	.....	.....	.....
44th " "	5,700	1,140	.....	7,200	.....	.....	.....
46th " "	5,700	1,140	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....
47th " "	8,620	1,724	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....
49th " "	11,445	2,289	.....	6,000	1	.....	.....
50th " "	10,120	2,024	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....
52nd " "	7,800	1,560	.....	3,800	.....	.....	.....
54th " "	10,760	2,152	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....

	Packages Cigar- ettes	Packages Tobacco	Plugs Smoking	Plugs Chewing	Pipes	Lighters	Pouches
58th Infantry Battn.....	5,840	1,168	.....	3,800	.....	.....	.....
60th " ".....	43,780	8,756	.....	9,400	.....	.....	.....
72nd " ".....	6,700	1,340	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
73rd " ".....	24,420	4,884	950	5,000	.....	.....	.....
75th " ".....	14,780	2,956	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....
78th " ".....	9,840	1,968	.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....
85th " ".....	2,240	448	4,180	.....	.....	.....	.....
87th " ".....	34,760	6,952	1,900	5,600	.....	.....	.....
102nd " ".....	6,660	1,332	1,900	4,400	.....	.....	.....
116th " ".....	12,800	2,560	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Royal Can. Reg.....	14,435	2,887	.....	6,000	5	.....	.....
Princess P.C.L.I.....	73,115	14,623	.....	5,800	895	835	835
1st Can. M. Rifles.....	7,840	1,568	.....	4,800	.....	.....	.....
2nd " ".....	10,525	2,105	.....	4,800	.....	.....	.....
4th " ".....	4,750	950	.....	3,600	.....	.....	.....
5th " ".....	49,995	9,999	.....	7,400	47	.....	.....
1st Bg. C. F. Artillery.....	48,905	9,781	.....	2,000	31	.....	.....

2nd Bg. C. F. Artillery	95,195	19,039	2,850	14,400	659	525	525
3rd " "	25,710	5,142	2,850	9,000	6		
4th " "	9,075	1,815		2,200	25		
5th " "	8,830	1,766		3,000			
6th " "	6,240	1,248		3,200			
7th " "	10,530	2,106		6,000	6		
8th " "	11,830	2,366		4,000			
9th " "	6,050	1,210		4,000			
10th " "	4,140	828	2,090	8,600			
1st Bg. Can. Gar. Art.	22,780	4,556	1,710	7,000			
2nd " "	50,130	10,026		6,600	315	200	200
3rd " "	4,380	876		2,600			
Motor M. G. Brigades	18,125	3,625		2,000	3		
Trench and Mortar Batts.	14,920	2,984		1,200			
Other Artillery Units	2,600	520					
1st Div. Engineers	35,730	7,146		3,800	204	202	202
2nd " "	21,355	4,271			83		
3rd " "	5,420	1,084		800			
4th " "	2,240	448		800			
Tunnelling Companies	9,240	1,848					
Labor Battalions	7,800	1,560					
1st Field Ambulance	10,585	2,117	1,330	600	61	60	60
2nd " "	9,320	1,864	570				

	Packages Cigar- ettes	Packages Tobacco	Plugs Smoking	Plugs Chewing	Pipes	Lighters	Pouches
3rd Field Ambulance.....	15,850	3,170	2,470	200	10		
4th " ".....	8,920	1,784					
5th " ".....	4,460	892	950				
6th " ".....	18,290	3,658					
7th " ".....	1,960	392					
8th " ".....	9,390	1,878					
9th " ".....	19,940	3,988	950				
Other Field ".....	5,620	1,124					
No. 1 Genl. Hospital.....	11,280	2,256	3,800	1,200	26		
No. 2 " ".....	7,815	1,563	2,850	1,200	1		
No. 3 " ".....	25,205	5,041		1,200	121		
No. 6 " ".....	5,200	1,040					
Other Genl. ".....	6,520	1,304	1,900				
Stationary Hospital.....	8,990	1,798			2		
Casualty Clear Stns.....	4,500	900					
Sanitary Sections.....	6,775	1,335		3,000	1		
1st Mch. Gun Battn.....	9,140	1,828		600			

	2nd Mch. Gun Battn.....	6,420	1,284				
	3rd " ".....	6,130	1,226		400		
	4th " ".....	3,460	692		1,000		
	Base Depots.....	14,620	2,924				
	Royal Can. Dragoons.....	12,975	2,595	3,610	6,000	5	
	Strathcona Horse.....	12,790	2,558				
	Fort Garry Horse.....	8,960	1,792		1,200		
	Royal Can. Horse Art.....	15,425	3,085			15	
	Veterinary Units.....	9,850	1,970		1,000	6	
	Remount Depots.....	4,940	988				
	Genl. Div. Bdge. H.q.....	25,410	5,082		3,400	32	
25	1st Div. Signal Co.....	16,730	3,346			2	
	2nd " ".....	7,515	1,503			25	
	3rd " ".....	10,020	2,004				
	4th " ".....	2,640	528				
	Cyclists Battn.....	34,160	6,832				4
	Canadian Ordnance C.....	4,150	830				
	Can. Overseas Ry. Corps....	41,805	8,361		600	5	
	Other Railway Units.....	25,640	5,128	380	4,800		
	Postal Corps.....	7,490	1,498			2	
	Ammunition Parks.....	7,820	1,564		800		
	Forestry Battalions.....	20,580	4,116	1,900	14,400		
	1st Div. Amm. Col.....	16,455	3,291		2,800	3	

	Packages Cigar- ettes	Packages Tobacco	Plugs Smoking	Plugs Chewing	Plugs	Lighters	Pouches
2nd Div. Amm. Col.	10,160	2,032					
3rd " "	6,560	1,312		800			
4th " "	3,200	640					
5th " "	3,840	768					
1st Divisional Train	30,035	6,007			155	150	150
Other " "	10,960	2,192			8		
Mechan. Trans. Corps	7,960	1,592					
1st Pioneer Battn	21,180	4,236		13,000			
1st Amm. Horse Trans.	13,190	2,638			6		
2nd " "	18,410	3,682			4		
Depot Units of Supply	7,860	1,572	950	800	4		
Various Minor Units	10,460	2,092	6,080	12,200	4		
British Navy	3,000	600					
British Units	175	35					
Can. Field Comforts							
Commission for distribution to Overseas Units			64,790	159,000			

Acknowledgments

The following are a few of the thousands of acknowledgments received from Commanding Officers of Units to which tobacco was sent:—

“I have been informed that you are closing up *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund and take this opportunity of placing on record my very keen appreciation and the thanks of the Battalion I had the honour to command, for the generous gifts of cigarettes and tobacco, which did much to alleviate and make the men forget the discomforts incidental to active service.

“While it is quite probable that owing to prevailing conditions the gifts were not always acknowledged, it was not, I assure you, from lack of appreciation, and I am sure that I voice the sentiments of every man who has served in the Unit, in thanking you most sincerely.”

ROYAL L. EWING,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 42nd Btn.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

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“As your cases come through to us with greater difficulty owing to the tremendous demands on shipping, they are ever the more welcome, and this latest arrival is at present being most thoroughly appreciated throughout the old Westmount Battery. Very many thanks to your many subscribers.”

W. H. DANIEL,
Captain,
For O.C. 5th Batt., C.F.A.

"The Boys are all happy now, and God help the Hun. Since getting our P. of W. applications for leave to Canada have fallen off 50%."

J. K. CORNWALL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
8th Btn., C.R.T.

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"We acknowledge receipt with thanks of the undermentioned articles. Be sure that all ranks are very grateful to you indeed."

GEORGE O. VANIER,
Major and Adjutant,
22nd French Canadian Btn.

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"The cases mentioned on attached sheets have been received and the contents distributed amongst the men under my command.

"On behalf of the men, I wish to tender our heartfelt thanks to your Fund for the numerous acts of kindness that you have shown us. The generous supplies so constantly received assist materially in maintaining the wonderful spirits and fighting qualities of the troops, and we are indeed indebted to you."

ARTHUR FLOW,
Major and Adjutant,
For O.C. 14th Can. Btn.

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"I wish to thank you on behalf of the members of this Battalion for the kindness of the Committee of your Tobacco Fund in forwarding cigarettes and tobacco from time to time to the men of this Battalion.

"Conducting operations as we so frequently do in territory where it is impossible to purchase these articles your thoughtful gifts are doubly appreciated by the recipients.

"I beg to tender you my best wishes for continued success and wish you to again realize how appreciative the men are of your thoughtfulness."

GAULT MCCOMBE,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 14th Can. Btn.

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"On behalf of the men of the 21st Canadian Battalion, I tender you their very best thanks for the splendid gifts of tobacco and cigarettes we have just received. The boys appreciate the kindness of your Fund and we all wish you every success."

A. P. CHRISTMAS,
Captain,
For O.C. 21st Can. Btn.

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"The consignment herein mentioned has arrived safely, and is very warmly appreciated by the smokers of this Unit. Your continued interest in this Unit is a stimulus to our efforts in the humane work which it is our privilege to undertake, and in which you have thus participated."

A.T. BAZIN,
Lieut.-Colonel, C.A.M.C.,
A.O.C. No. 3 Can. General Hos.

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"I have to-day acknowledged to the Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada, three shipments sent under the auspices of your Fund on the 6th February, 13th March and 29th March respectively.

"If you might see for yourselves the many grateful comments on your kindness contained in the men's letters going home you would indeed feel that anything which I might say was quite superfluous.

"May I extend, however, on behalf of the Signal Co. our combined sincere thanks."

P. C. MCGILL,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 3rd Can. Div. Signal Co.

"These Canadian Cigarettes are very much appreciated by the men. It would be hard to get too many for them."

R. McA. PEARSON,
2nd Can. Btn.

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"This is to acknowledge receipt of one case of P. of W. Chewing Tobacco, No. M. 3303, received this day (February 21st, 1918). Please accept our grateful thanks for this generous donation. Were it possible for the donors to view the distribution of this pleasant weed amongst the men of this Company; and to note the appreciation of joy appearing on each visage, they would be amply repaid. 'Just a little *touch* of Home Sweet Home.'

"Thanking you once again on behalf of the men of this Company."

W. F. TRIEVELT,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
For O.C. 54th Com. C.F.C.

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"As the above named officer is in England the Officer Commanding wishes me to express to you his appreciation and the appreciation of the officers and men of this Battalion for your splendid gifts. We do appreciate your kind efforts in our behalf, and feel that we are not forgotten by our friends at home.

"*The Gazette* Tobacco Fund has given so much comfort to our men and we trust that the donors understand how much their generosity has helped to cheer us."

H. E. TAYLOR,
Captain and Adjutant,
2nd Can. Pnr. Btn.

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"This package has been received in good order and distributed. The men appreciate very much some real Canadian Tobacco. Please accept my

personal thanks for your remembrance of the men as well as their thanks."

N. R. ROBERTSON,
Major,
O.C. 9th Btn. Can. Engineers.

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"The Cigarettes arrived here in good condition a day or two ago and have been distributed as far as possible among the men of this Unit. I can assure you these gifts of tobacco are very much appreciated by the men and I wish to convey to you their thanks for your trouble and kindness.

"Wishing you every success in this good work and that our turn will soon come around again to smoke your good health. In this connection and for your information I might say that the number of Canadians in this Unit is approximately 300."

J. A. RYAN,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 58th B.G.R.C.

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"We are in receipt of Case No. G. 3979 containing Sweet Caporal Cigarettes and Old Chum Tobacco shipped by the Canadian Field Comforts Commission.

"The contents of this package have been distributed to the men of this Unit. I am sure you could hardly realize how much the men appreciate the real Canadian touch of such packages as your Fund send out.

"*The Montreal Gazette* deserves a lot of credit for the great amount of good which it is responsible for, and I am sure if you could be present when the cigarettes and tobacco are being distributed and see the smiles on the boys' faces, you would understand exactly what I mean."

E. G. WEEKS,
Lieutenant, C.E.,
1st Can. Div. Signal Co. C.E.

"We overheard the following to-day from a seasoned old ruffian as he rammed a liberal fill of 'Old Chum' into a clay cutty. 'Believe me, boys, what I prize more than the smoke is the kind thought that influenced the sender.'"

(Sgd.) Lieutenant and Adjutant,
14th Can. Btn.

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"The Royal Montreal Regiment have had another Gala Day. The day *The Montreal Gazette* Tobacco Fund's parcel was distributed."

A. H. MURPHY,
Lieutenant and Adjutant,
For O.C. 14th Can. Btn.

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"I beg to advise that we have received through the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, two cases Nos. G-4162 and G-4163 containing Sweet Caporal Cigarettes and Old Chum tobacco.

"On behalf of the men of this Battalion I wish to express our appreciation of this gift. There is nothing more welcome out here than these articles, and it gives me great pleasure to distribute them amongst the men of this Battalion."

R. H. BLISS,
Captain,
For O.C. 19th Can. Btn.

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"Please accept for *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund the sincere thanks of all ranks under my command.

"The kind thoughtfulness of those at home for the comfort and welfare of the men overseas has always been a source of great encouragement to them during their absence.

"We very deeply appreciate the kindness of the many contributors to your Fund."

H. D. SINCLAIR,
Captain,
C.A.M.C., O.C. No. 4 Can. Sanitary Section,
B.E.F., France.

"Lieut. W. L. Ross has been evacuated, unfit, but the case was duly received, and distribution has been made.

"All ranks are very grateful, and there are no suggestions, as far as this Unit is concerned, which can possibly improve the present operation of the Fund."

J. L. R. PARRY,
Major,
50th Canadians.

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"Received 17-6-18, and distributed 21-6-18. There are no comforts received from Canada which are more acceptable than these gifts of Tobacco."

J. G. LAURIE,
Captain and Q.M.,
4th C.M.R.

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"The receipt of these comforts besides fulfilling a great want reaffirms our confidence in patriotic organizations such as your own who are doing so much to cheer the lives of our men in France."

R. B. HICKSON,
Lieutenant,
5th Batt. Can. Field Art.

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"We have just had notices put up saying that smoking is prohibited in limits where most of our men are during the greater part of the day, and the chewing tobacco has come at a most opportune time. The only trouble is, it will not last many days and then there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. However, God bless you. Call again soon."

THOS. SADLER,
Lieutenant,
19th Co., C.F.C.

"The same has come safely to hand—indeed a good supply from your generous department has been received safely, and in behalf of the Officer Commanding the 2nd Canadian Railway Troops, and the other officers, I desire to express our sincere appreciation of your great kindness to our Tommies in this regard. It is a source of real encouragement and satisfaction to our boys, not alone because of the personal gratification in the immediate use of the tobacco, but because, and I believe chiefly, it is a demonstration of the thought of the home people of Canada towards those who are out here laboring and toiling to achieve victory in this terrible conflict of liberty against oppression. It bucks the men up to know they are not forgotten, and for us all I thank you for your real and genuine kindness."

S. E. HAGAR,
Chaplain,
For O.C. 2nd Can. Ry. Troops.

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"We received to-day three splendid cases of 'Old Chum' and cigarettes, G-3928-9-30. You will understand how welcome they were when I tell you it has been almost impossible to buy tobacco for some months now over here, and while the ration, 2oz. per week, is much appreciated, it is usually supplemented by purchases. Consequently your consignment came as something in the nature of a life-saver and in addition there in nothing quite like 'Old Chum' to Canadians as a whole.

"Wishing you every success in your work, and once again many thanks for the gift."

THOS. L. ACHESON,
Captain and Q.M.
78th Btn.

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"Receipt is acknowledged with grateful thanks, of the shipment quoted overleaf, received on the 17th inst. This tobacco and cigarettes have been

distributed among the men of this Section and all ranks express their deep appreciation for these gifts which your Fund has provided."

JNO. D. UTTON,

Major,

For D.A.A.G., Can. Sec. G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

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"I beg to acknowledge receipt of two cases No. G-3973, G-4042, containing cigarettes and tobacco. I need hardly say that gifts of this description are highly valued by all ranks of this Unit as being soothing and comforting at all times, more particularly at this very trying and strenuous time, and the thanks of all ranks are tendered through you to the donors. It is such gifts that tend to maintain the spirit of cheerfulness and confidence of all the boys out here."

J. T. SPARROW,

Captain,

8th Can. Field Ambulance.

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"The boys (at the front) of this Montreal Battalion wish to express their great appreciation of the gifts of cigarettes, tobacco, etc., so generously sent by the readers of your paper. These gifts arrive at most opportune moments. They come up with the rations to dugouts and cellars and front line trenches. The news that *Gazette* cigarettes are in the rations to-night send a glow of optimism through the platoon. It is easy to bear anything as long as you get cigarettes and tea, even when rations are unable to come up owing to heavy shell fire.

"Again expressing our hearty thanks,

MONTREAL SOLDIERS.

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"On behalf of the boys of this Battalion, I would like you to accept their hearty thanks and appreciation for the box of tobacco and cigarettes

received. It was a most acceptable gift as smokes of any kind have been very scarce indeed during this recent big push, and am sure the boys could not have wished for a better gift."

R. H. BLISS,

Captain and A/Adjutant,
19th Can. Btn.

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"The cigarettes and tobacco have been received and distributed amongst the men of this Battalion. Please accept the thanks of the men for this kind gift—they are always very welcome."

W. H. DONALD,

Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
15th Canadian Battalion,
48th Highlanders of Canada.

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"These came at a time when everyone was smokeless. You cannot imagine how they were appreciated."

R. MCA. PEARSON,

Quartermaster,
2nd Can. Btn.

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"The cigarettes and tobacco arrived during a recent advance, and when no cigarettes could be obtained. They were thus doubly acceptable, and on behalf of the Brigade I thank you very much."

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Lieutenant,
For Adjt. 1st Brigade C.F.A.

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"I beg to say 'thanks' for the cigarettes and tobacco which has been distributed to the men, and would like to state that these kindnesses from home are greatly appreciated."

E. V. CHOWN,

Lieutenant,
3rd Can. Machine Gun Co.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of case and the cigarettes and tobacco were issued to-day. The work of your Fund is very much appreciated in France, but we all trust that it will not be long before your work is over."

KENNETH C. FURNESS,
Captain,
P.P.C.L.I.

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"Your cigarettes and tobacco were received in good shape, and were doubly welcome as in times of many moves like the present, smokes are hard to get."

H. S. CHEESBROUGH,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 52nd. Batt. C.F.A.

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"On behalf of the members of 'D' Company, please accept my best thanks for the gift of cigarettes and tobacco. It came at a most opportune time as we have had difficulty in procuring sufficient supplies lately, no doubt owing to operations. We are very grateful for your kindness."

A. E. McELIGOTT,
Major,
"D" Co., 27th Btn.

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"I have to-day received case No. 4222 containing Prince of Wales Chewing Tobacco forwarded from your Tobacco Fund. On behalf of my officers, N.C.O's and men I want to thank the members of *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund for same. The tobacco has been distributed to the men and they are sure delighted. *The Gazette* Fund has certainly done excellent work in furnishing comforts for the boys in France and England, and in every Unit of the Canadian Corps the name of your Fund stands second to none.

"Again thanking you for your generous gift, and wishing *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund continued success."

J. G. HOLLINSWORTH,
Major,
31st Co. C.F.C.

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"In acknowledging the cases of tobacco and cigarettes as per attached receipts, the Officer Commanding instructs me to convey to the donors of the Fund the grateful thanks of the men of this Battalion. These cases, so frequently received, are always welcome and very much appreciated."

H. F. CORPS,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
5th C.M.R. Btn.

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"The above mentioned case received, for which many thanks on behalf of the men of my Unit. They could not have arrived at a more opportune moment."

R. DE L. HARWOOD,
Lieut.-Colonel,
For O.C. 8th Can. Gen. Hos.

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"On behalf of all ranks, I extend to you my hearty thanks for your case No. G-4196 of cigarettes and tobacco, which arrived in good condition a few days ago, and have since been distributed to the men who certainly have a great appreciation of their 'smokes.'

"With best wishes to all supporters of the Fund."

W. H. DANIEL,
Captain,
O.C. 5th Batt. C.F.A.

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"Case enumerated on reverse side duly received and the cigarettes and tobacco distributed amongst

the men of this Unit. These 'smokes' received from you, from time to time are very welcome, and greatly appreciated by the men, who wish me to convey to you their best thanks for your kind interest in their welfare."

H. BURRELL,
Capt. and A/Adjutant,
2nd Army Aux. (Horse) Co.

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"Everything was extremely useful and very much appreciated and the Co. send its thanks."

H. C. R. CLARK,
Lieutenant,
O.C. 2nd Co. 7th Can. Inf. Btn.

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"Many thanks for this tobacco. Good smoking mixture is rare out here, hence the men always appreciate getting it. Best wishes to your Fund."

ALEX. DAVIDSON,
Major,
O.C. 35th Batt. C.F.A.

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"Please note that we have received the various boxes enumerated on the attached list.

"We gratefully appreciate your consistent generosity throughout the whole Campaign. And I assure you that *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund will forever retain a highly esteemed place in the memory of the members of the Royal Montreal Regiment.

"The Officer Commanding wishes me to extend to you on behalf of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of this Battalion our very best wishes for the New Year."

E. C. MORRIS,
Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
For O.C. 14th Can. Btn.

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"The undermentioned case of tobacco has been received and the contents distributed to the men of

this District. This class of chewing tobacco being unobtainable in the canteens is highly appreciated here in France, and I take this opportunity of thanking *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund for this and other gifts which have been sent to the men under my command."

KENNETH MCDUGALL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
O.C. 9th District, C.F.C.

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"Thank you very much indeed for the 'smokes' you sent my men. They greatly appreciated it. It looks very much as though we will be in France for several months yet, and we would be glad of any help you could give us on the tobacco supply."

J. E. MCCUAIG,
Captain,
O.C. 74th Co. C.F.C.

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"Some of the N.C.O's and men of this Unit have asked me to approach you with a view to obtaining a small supply of your much prized tobacco packages.

"This Unit is not in receipt of tobacco from any other source (except issued tobacco, which is not appreciated by the men).

"If you could forward, say 25 packages periodically, you would receive the heartfelt thanks of the whole Unit."

H. ORR,
Major,
C.A.M.C., 3rd Can. Sanitary Section.

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"On behalf of No. 13 Canadian Field Ambulance we wish to thank you sincerely for your extremely kind gift of cigarettes and tobacco which arrived at a time when we needed them rather badly."

LORNE C. GILDAY,
Lieut.-Colonel,
O.C. 13th Can. Field Amb.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of 444 plugs of tobacco forwarded through the Canadian Field Comforts Commission for which please accept my sincere thanks.

"This has arrived at a time when tobacco is exceedingly scarce and is therefore a most welcome gift."

J. D. LEGERE,
Major,
O.C. 39th Co. C.F.C.

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"Smokes just arrived in time as the boys were right out of them.

"Thanking you for this and past gifts."

B. D. E. BENGLE,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
For O.C. 5th Can. Btn.,
(Western Cavalry).

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"Many thanks—this shipment arrived just in time for Christmas."

J. ROSS PATERSON,
Captain,
15th Can. Army Service Corps.

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"Owing to the scarcity of tobacco just now where we are, these gifts are more welcome than ever. Please convey our sincere thanks to the donors."

43rd Btn. Can. Div. B.E.F.

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"Please accept my many thanks. Chewing tobacco is the one thing men in this branch of the service will never say no to."

J. S. BROWN,
Captain,
O.C. 49th Co. Forestry Corps.

"We have to-day received five cases containing Sweet Caporal Cigarettes and Old Chum Tobacco and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you not only for this shipment but for the numerous shipments you have sent us, and for the admirable way in which you have provided for our needs in this respect for the past three years.

"It may seem strange but it has happened in nine cases out of ten that your cigarettes and tobacco have reached us when we were unable to procure smokes of any kind, and in every case your gifts have been more than appreciated by all ranks."

C. F. RITCHIE,
Lieut-Colonel,
O.C. 24th Can. Btn. V.R.C.

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"Case No. 4440 of cigarettes and tobacco donated by *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund has been duly received, the contents being held for distribution on Christmas Day in connection with a dinner which is being Regimentally arranged for the men of this Company.

"Please accept my best thanks on behalf of the men for this generous gift."

J. BARBER,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 3rd Can. Div. Signal Co.

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"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your three cases Nos. G-4546, G-4547 and G-4548, containing Sweet Caporal Cigarettes and Old Chum Tobacco. These were distributed among the men of this Battalion and were very much appreciated by all.

"On behalf of the Battalion I wish to extend to you our most sincere thanks for the welcomed parcels received from your Fund from time to time."

G. W. TWLLIP,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 21st Can. Btn.

"Kindly accept the very best thanks of the 13th Battalion R.H.C., for the enclosed shipments of tobacco and cigarettes duly received. They are always very welcome, this last lot especially, as we had been without smokes for some time owing to the exigencies of the service."

J. G. D. KNIGHT,
Captain and Q.M.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

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"The cigarettes and tobaccos as below, have been received and needless to say are very greatly appreciated, as smokes always are over here. You will doubtless receive several individual acknowledgments from the men themselves. The receipt of this tobacco was acknowledged in the Regimental Orders of this Unit, the same being afterwards distributed to the Unit according to the ration strength."

G. F. BERTEAU,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
Canadian Light Horse.

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"Received O.K. Welcomed with open arms in these stirring times."

W. H. CORRIGAN,
Captain and Q.M.,
For O.C. 10th Can. Btn.

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"Chewing Canadian rations is a very popular indoor sport with us here.

"Chewing Macdonalds is our favorite outdoor sport. Your Fund has enabled us to enjoy same. Many thanks."

C. BRUCE,
Major,
O.C. 42nd Co. C.F.C., B.E.F.

"Case No. 4400-617, containing 64 packages of Old Chum Tobacco and 3200 Sweet Caporal Cigarettes was received in good order and distributed amongst the N.C.O.s and men of this Unit. They have asked me to convey to the donors of this most welcome gift their heartiest thanks, and no parcel could have been put up which could be more appreciated."

A. L. SANDERS,
Lieutenant,
For Major C., Technical Warehouse,
Canadian Forestry Corps.

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"In acknowledging receipt of these cases of tobacco, on behalf of the men of this Unit, to whom it has been distributed, I wish to send thanks and the hopes that the donators realize the genuine appreciation in which it is received. Without such thoughtful remembrances from the people at home we are sure the contentment and efficiency of the Canadians could never be of such high standards.

"Wishing all *Gazette* Fund Donators a very prosperous New Year."

W. J. McCONNELL,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
For O.C. 25th Co. Can. F.C.

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"The cigarettes and tobacco arrived in time for Xmas festivities and were much appreciated by all. Your Fund has been a great source of comfort to the men out here as oftentimes it has been difficult to get tobacco such as you send. Thanking all the donors."

G. DUNCAN,
Major,
C.O.R.C.C.

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"Case as noted below arrived safely and the contents were in excellent shape. Will you please convey to the donors the warmest thanks of the

men of my Company, who, I assure you, appreciate these smokes."

A. H. D. MURRAY,
Major,
O.C. No. 1 Co., C.O.R.C.C.

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"I have to thank you for the kindly gift of McDonalds Chewing Tobacco, and hope that the boys will acknowledge your kindness by p.c's. Your gifts are distributed by the Co. S.M. on our 'Something for Nothing' parade. Again thanks."

C. BRUCE,
Major,
O.C. 42 Co. C.F.C., B.E.F.

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"All ranks of this company join me in wishing you every success and request you to accept our greatest appreciation of your kind efforts."

W. F. CHEYNE,
Captain,
1st Can. Inf. Wks. Co.

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"It is quite evident that you are determined to remember the boys of this Unit until the very last as is evidenced by a further case of Old Chum Tobacco and Sweet Caporal Cigarettes. This tobacco has been distributed to the great delight of the boys."

N. M. HALKETT,
Captain,
For O.C. 3rd Can. Gen. Hospital (McGill).

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"Thanks awfully. Cigarettes are difficult to procure."

J. R. R. WHITTLE,
Captain and Q.M.,
75th Btn. Can. Infantry.

"On behalf of this Unit I beg to thank you for this most acceptable gift of tobacco and cigarettes. *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund has rendered us great service by sending such regular supplies of tobacco and cigarettes."

J. B. RIDDELL,
Lieutenant and Q.M.,
6th Field Ambulance.

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"The parcels from *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund have always arrived regularly and have been very much appreciated by the men. The donors have the thanks of all ranks of the Battalion, to whom a good smoke carries away many of our little troubles."

L. E. JONES,
Lieut.-Colonel,
O.C. 18th Btn. Can. Div.

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"We have the three cases of tobacco and cigarettes numbers G. 4779-80-81 advised in yours of the 21st November last. These arrived at a time when tobacco and cigarettes were extremely scarce, and were appreciated, if possible, even more than usual.

"Please accept out best thanks for your most acceptable gift."

J. C. B. INKSTER,
Captain and Q.M.,
78th Btn. C.E.F.

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"The cigarettes duly arrived and were distributed to the Battalion. Your gifts are indeed welcome."

H. H. HY. GAUDET,
Captain and Adjutant,
For O.C. 54th Btn. Can. Div.

"A gift both appreciated and of great value. Many thanks."

R. MCA. PEARSON,
Quarter-Master,
2nd Btn. Can. Infantry.

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"The receipt of this tobacco is acknowledged with great pleasure. Always an acceptable gift, this was no exception to the rule and was enjoyed to the utmost by the whole Battalion. All ranks proffer their heartiest thanks."

R. H. BLISS,
Captain,
For O.C. 19th Can. Btn.

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"As usual the Old Chum Tobacco and Sweet Caporal Cigarettes were warmly welcomed on distribution. Many thanks."

E. C. MORRIS,
Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
14th Can. Btn.

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"We are in receipt of your case G. 4435, containing cigarettes and tobacco. The contents were very much appreciated, especially at this time when supplies are very hard to obtain.

"With best wishes to the Fund."

E. R. SELBY,
Lieut.-Colonel,
O.C. No. 8 Can. Field Amb.

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"I am instructed by the C.O. 3rd Canadian Battalion, Toronto Regiment, to convey to you the thanks of the Regiment for the five cases of tobacco G. 4592-3, G. 4725-6-7. These you will be pleased to know arrived in time for Christmas and added greatly to our Christmas cheer."

D. F. ROGERS,
Captain and Q.M.,
3rd Can. Btn. Toronto Regt.

"The three cases 4779-80-81, arrived together at a time of desperate tobacco famine. They were received with great enthusiasm, and Montreal Stock went up immediately in the Battalion—not that it was ever low. Many thanks for this generous gift."

J. C. B. INKSTER,
Captain and Q.M.,
78th Btn. Can. Div.

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"Many thanks indeed. Only suggestion necessary—Keep the good work up. It has been the only source of regular supply of good tobacco."

A. W. EUSTON,
Captain,
13th Can. Btn.

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"These gifts of tobacco are becoming more and more useful as the supply becomes more difficult. At this hospital especially, where most of the men are convalescent and waiting shipment to Canada it is especially appreciated as our chief trouble is getting enough money for tobacco."

A. D. FARMER,
Colonel,
O.C. 5th Can. Gen. Hos.

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"We beg to acknowledge receipt of cases No. M. 4216 and M. 4215, containing chewing tobacco. This has been distributed to all ranks and was much appreciated by them. Canadian tobaccos suit the palate of Canadians far better than other makes, but the supplies never come up to the requirements. Any further supplies would certainly meet with the approval of the troops."

W. H. COWPER,
Captain,
35th Co., C.E.F.

"I beg to thank you on behalf of the men of this Battalion for the gift of tobacco and cigarettes above referred to. These were distributed to the men during the recent operations in which the Battalion has been engaged, and were very much appreciated."

E. B. TARDINAN,
Lieut. and A/Adjutant,
For O.C. 72nd Can. Inf. Btn.

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"Package arrived safely and was much appreciated by the men. I must thank you for the kindly interest you continue to manifest in my men, and I cannot praise too highly the kindness and generosity of the donors who continually add to the comfort of the troops by their many attentions."

J. SHERWOOD,
Lieut. and Adjutant,
For O.C. 46th Btn. Can. Inf.

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"I have great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the under-mentioned case of tobacco and cigarettes, and, at the same time please accept the very best thanks of all receiving same.

"I can assure you that these packages are very much welcomed by all ranks, not only on account of the great difficulty which we have in obtaining smokes of any kind, but also on account of their excellent quality. The Unit under my command totals 315, and any further envoys which you send us will be appreciated very much."

GEO. E. BEAUCHAMP,
Colonel,
O.C. No. 6 Can. Gen. Hos. (Laval University).

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"If the donors of these cigarettes, &c., knew how much they were enjoyed by the men out here,

I feel sure they would be amply repaid for their kindness. Please accept our heartiest thanks."

J. B. RIDDELL,
Lieutenant and Q.M.
No. 6 Can. Field Amb.

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"General Griesbach wishes me to thank you for, and state his appreciation of the tobacco which arrived in good shape, and has been distributed to the various Units of the Brigade."

W. C. TAYLOR,
Captain,
For G.O.C. 1st Can. Inf. Brigade

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"Many thanks for your well-timed gift of tobacco and cigarettes. Arriving as it did, when the supply of Home Tobacco was at its lowest, it would be difficult to express the gratitude of the members of this Unit. Montreal has given this Unit, composed of men from every part of Canada, a most appreciated week of good smoking."

F. W. SINCLAIR,
Captain,
C.A.M.C., No. 4 Can. Sanitary Sec.

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"Please accept my very sincere thanks, as well as the thanks of the men of this Battalion, for your very great kindness in forwarding this tobacco, which arrived safely, and which is all the more appreciated, inasmuch as tobacco is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

"Might advise that the four packets addressed personally to No. 258609 Spr. Depauw, are being held by me pending his return from hospital, when they will be handed to him."

J. K. CONNOLLY,
Lieut.-Colonel,
8th Btn. C.R.T.

"Your gift of tobacco and cigarettes reached us in fine condition. The members of the Company were highly delighted for we have been somewhat short of tobacco—by tobacco I mean good tobacco—for some little time. The issue is all right but a little of it goes a long way. You will see that your gift was most opportune, and the men wish me to convey to you their sincere thanks."

A. LEAVITT,
Major,
O.C. 3rd Can. Div. Signal Corps.
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"Boxes received in good shape. *The Gazette* Tobacco Fund has been one of our most appreciated friends out here."

C. F. MACDOUGALL,
Lieutenant,
For O.C. 2nd Brigade C.F.A.
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"Many thanks for your kind gift of cigarettes, which were distributed among the Company this evening. There is nothing more appreciated when here than a good Canadian smoke, and it is doubly appreciated when we know that the people at home are looking after us in this matter."

A. W. BAIRD,
Lieutenant,
"D" Company, 116th Btn.
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"As Sergt. W. L. Brown is not at present with us I have taken it upon myself to see that the cigarettes and tobacco so kindly sent by his friends have been distributed amongst the men of his old platoon."

ED. DAWSON,
Captain,
24th Btn. Can. Div. B.E.F.
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"This case was received a few days ago and contents distributed to Montreal men of this Unit."

Similar gifts have been received on several previous occasions and are very much appreciated."

W. M. KNOWLTON,

Lieut. and Adjutant,

For Lieut.-Col. Costigan, commanding 5th Can.
Ammunition Column.

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"I have to thank you for another of your most welcome packages of Sweet Caporal Cigarettes and Old Chum Tobacco, forwarded through the Imperial Tobacco Co. I know it is sufficient for me to say 'thank you' as you are well aware of the great comfort such luxuries are to the lads over here.

"Keep up the good work they certainly are appreciated."

— WORSNOP,

Lieut.-Colonel,

O.C. 50th Can. Infantry.

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"This package came to hand to-day and is a gift much appreciated by railroaders in this Unit who are endeavouring to do their bit over here in France."

A. H. KENDALL,

Captain,

O.C. 58th Broad Gauge Operating Co.

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"Smokes received and distributed. Please accept my thanks for same, and wish to add that smokes are the most comforting gift one can receive."

G. A. GAMBLIN,

Captain,

1st Sec. Am. Col.

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"This tobacco was distributed amongst the men and was greatly enjoyed. We are in the French area and have not the privilege of the Expeditionary Force Canteen,—this makes us dependent on the good nature of our Canadian Tobacco Funds."

H. O. SCHRYER,

Lieut. and Q.M.

For O.C. 6th Dis. Can. Forestry Corps.

