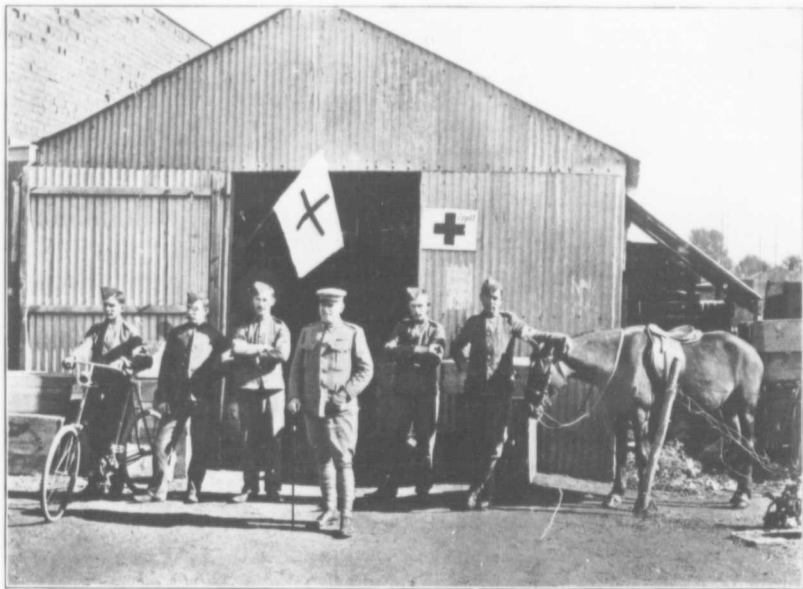




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The Canadian Red Cross Society
OF ITS OPERATIONS IN THE
South African War
1899-1902



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The following Constitution and Rules were adopted by the Council
on the 10th April, 1900.

Canadian Red Cross Society.

CONSTITUTION.

- ARTICLE I.**
Name
The name of the Society shall be the "Canadian Branch of the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War" (short title, "The Canadian Red Cross Society").
- ARTICLE II.**
Authority and Source of Title
The Canadian Red Cross Society is established in Canada by the authority of the British Society under the terms of the Geneva Convention, entered into by the Imperial Government in 1865.
- ARTICLE III.**
Aims and Objects as per Letter of Authorization
The aims and objects of this Society shall be the offering and providing of Supplemental Assistance, (1) to the Army Medical Department of Canada; or (2) to the parent Society should England be engaged in war; (3) to the belligerents of any other countries engaged in war, who recognize the neutrality of the Red Cross and express themselves willing to accept aid through the British Society by its Canadian branch.
- ARTICLE IV.**
Council, &c.
The Canadian Red Cross Society shall consist (1) of a Central Council, (2) an Executive Committee of the said Council, (3) Branch Committees, styled Local Branches, (4) Members.
- ARTICLE V.**
The Council
The Central Council shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Members, including ex-officio the Chairman of each Local Branch.
- ARTICLE VI.**
Powers of the Council and Executive
The administration of its affairs and funds shall be vested in the Central Council, and it shall nominate from its members an Executive Committee composed of five members who shall elect from among themselves a Chairman.
The authority of the Council as expressed by a majority of its members duly assembled shall be supreme.
The Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the orders of the Council.

ARTICLE
VII.
Vacancies—
How Filled

The members of the Council shall be elected hereafter by members of the existing Council to replace vacancies, but the Chairman of each local branch shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Council and may at any time attend and vote at its meetings.

ARTICLE
VIII.
Local
Branches

Local Branches of the Canadian Red Cross Society may, on the approval of the Council, be formed in cities, towns, and such local centres as may be designated by the Council, and shall at all times be subject to the rules governing the same. No Branch will be recognized and no warrant issued thereto until organization of said Local Branch is completed by the appointment of its officers.

ARTICLE
IX.
Warrant to
Local Branch

The Council will issue to each Local Branch so established, a warrant authorizing it to use the Society's name and badge in the collection of funds, or in the Society's work, together with regulations for its guidance.

ARTICLE
X.
Badge of
Membership

The emblem and badge of membership shall be the Red Cross on white ground to be worn by members, and all persons purchasing the badge and enrolling their names upon the rolls of the Society subject to the approval of the several Local Branches shall be members of the Society.

ARTICLE
XI.
Commissioners

In time of war the Council may appoint a Commissioner, or Commissioners, to carry out the active work of the Society at the seat of war. The duties and powers of such Commissioners shall be laid down in warrants to be issued from time to time by the Council.

ARTICLE
XII.

All regulations and reports of the Commissioners as may be approved by the Council shall be embodied in its proceedings and published from time to time and copies sent to the British and Foreign National Societies and to the Local Branches of this Society.

ARTICLE
XIII.
Amendments

No alterations or amendments shall be made to this Constitution or the Rules of Local Branches without written notice of the proposed alteration or amendment having been given at a regular meeting of the Council, the proposed alteration or amendment is to be moved at a subsequent meeting, and at least a week's notice of such subsequent meeting shall be given and such notice shall contain or be accompanied by a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment.

Rules of Local Branches.

In accordance with Article VIII. Constitution of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Branches of the Society may be formed in cities, towns, and other municipalities by the authority of the Central Council only, and shall be subject to the following rules with reference thereto.

1. On the application of a duly constituted committee of a proposed Local Branch consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than three members, the Central Council may issue a warrant authorizing the formation of a Local Branch subject to the rules and regulations which may from time to time be issued by the Council.
2. Each Local Branch when organized under a Warrant shall keep and maintain a list of its members and a correct record of all subscriptions and contributions received, and shall from time to time in brief form report the proceedings to the Council.
3. In order to prevent unnecessary duplication of work and supplies, the initiative in such matters resting with the Council, no work should be undertaken by Local Branches other than the collection of funds, until the Council makes a call upon the several Local Branches for concerted action and apportions the work which each Local Branch may find itself able to do.
4. In order to concentrate the efforts of each Local Branch it will be advisable to confine its action to its local sphere of influence.
5. The funds collected by Local Branches must in all cases be remitted to the Council through the Hon. Treasurer, and in no case should disbursements, other than those for local management expenses, be made without Central Authority; and all material shall be remitted in the manner directed by the Council.
6. No Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is authorized to collect funds for purposes other than the Society's work as defined by the Constitution, and no funds can be received or accepted when accompanied by restrictions confining the use of the money contributed to specified purposes or tied up by conditions which it may be inexpedient or impossible for the Council to observe or carry out.

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7. Although Local Branches may adopt their own methods of procedure in collecting funds, etc., required for the Society of which they form a part, all irregular methods by unauthorized persons are to be guarded against and avoided.
 8. Local Branches shall obtain from the Central Council the Society's badge to be worn by members willing to enroll themselves as members, on application to the Secretary. The purchase of this badge and enrollment of name on the list of the Local Branch shall constitute membership without any other subscription.

Adopted by the Council April 10th, 1900.

Read and confirmed May 1st, 1900.

(Signed) J. M. GIBSON, PRESIDENT.

(Countersigned) CHAS. A. HODGETTS, M.D., HON. SEC.

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Report of the Canadian Central Red Cross Council.

1. The need of the "Red Cross" is summarized in the stated opinion of M. Henri Dunant, its founder: "The insufficiency of official organization in time of war."
2. The Geneva Convention of August 22nd, 1864, accepted by thirty-two countries, while not creating Red Cross Societies, devised a way in which private charity, authoritatively recognized and properly disciplined, could supplement the Medical Services in time of war. For the carrying out of this work it became essential that there should be one Central Administration for each "National Society"; and the work can be considered "International" only in the sense that it succors wherever there is war, calling forth equal sympathy for the sick and wounded of both contending armies.
3. That this has been possible is evident from the experience of wars that have occurred since 1864. Since that time the various Red Cross Societies have raised the enormous sum of nearly fifty millions of dollars and collected material of the value of twenty millions more; thus aiding in a most substantial manner the medical work of the nations involved, alleviating the sufferings and saving the lives of hundreds of thousands of brave men.
4. Space will only permit the naming of the various ways in which the Red Cross has fulfilled its work of mercy. Field, Base, Rest and Isolation Hospitals have been equipped, as well as Sanatoria, Seaside and other rests for officers and men.

For facilitating the transfer of the sick and wounded from the battle-field itself, as also from hospital to hospital, bearer companies have been provided with ambulance carts and wagons; hospital trains and ships have been fully equipped.
The details of the hospital supplies and comforts would fill volumes.
A most important aid has been the providing of surgeons, nurses, and ambulance in the Franco-Prussian, Greco-Turkish, Matabele, Egyptian and Turko-Russian Wars.
5. As an instance of the cardinal rule of the Red Cross, viz.—that its aid is only for the sick and wounded, the fact may be mentioned that during the Franco-Prussian War, the Geneva Committee, to whom had been entrusted large sums of money from Sweden, Norway, Spain, Italy,

and Switzerland, as well as from Germany and France, "positively refused to assist men in good health," and when asked to intervene in favor of prisoners of war and the French soldiers interned in Switzerland, it declined the mission.

6. The status of the Canadian Branch being largely unknown to the public in the Dominion of Canada, a brief resumé is offered of its inception and work prior to the beginning of the South African War.

On the initiative of Lieut.-Colonel G. Sterling Ryerson, A.M.S., an organization meeting was held in the City of Toronto, on October 14th, 1896, and this branch was established, the Earl of Aberdeen, then Governor-General, kindly consenting to become its Patron.

At the close of Lord Aberdeen's term of office as Governor-General, his successor, the Earl of Minto, kindly accepted the position of Patron.

As under the terms of the Geneva Convention no colony is permitted complete autonomy, but carries on its work under the sanction of the National Society, authorization was received from the British Society as shown by the following documents:—

National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War.

5 York Buildings, Adelphi, W.C.,

London, 2nd December, 1896.

At a meeting of the Council of the National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War (British Red Cross Society), held at the office, 5 York Buildings, Adelphi, London, on Tuesday, the 1st December, 1896.

General Lord Wantage, K.C.B., V.C., in the chair.

It was proposed by General Lord Wantage, K.C.B., V.C.; seconded by Surgeon-General Sir W. Mackinnon, K.C.B., and resolved:

That the Council, having heard read a letter dated the 15th October, 1896, from Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, of Toronto, Canada, announcing the formation of a Canadian Branch of this Society, accept such Branch, in accordance with the letter of the Secretary, dated 22nd August, 1896, to Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, as affiliated to itself, for all purposes consistent with the terms of the Geneva Convention, entered into by the Imperial Government in 1865, subject to complete independence of such Branch in all matters relating to finance and matters of local organization.

That the Council welcome the formation of this Branch and pledge themselves to co-operate with the Branch and to assist it in every way in their power, and invite periodical intimation of any action to carry out in Canada the objects of the Society.

(A true copy)

JAMES G. VOKES, Secretary.

Extract from a letter dated the 22nd August, 1896, to Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, referred to in the foregoing Resolution.

"As you express the desire for a clear definition of your work before you commence to organize, I am to suggest the following heads as a basis upon which the proposed Canadian Branch of this Society should be formed, and which would meet with the approval of the Society.

(1). That the Branch be called the "Canadian Branch of the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War."

(2). That a council be formed of sufficient influence to give public confidence.

(3). That it be recognized that the primary work of the Branch is to render aid to the sick and wounded soldiers in time of war by offering supplemental assistance: (a) To the Army Medical Department of Canada, or (b) To the parent Society, should England be engaged in war. (c) To the belligerents of any other countries engaged in war who recognize the neutrality of the Red Cross and express themselves willing to accept aid through the British Society by its Canadian Branch.

(4). That all its domestic affairs, such as enrolling members, collecting subscriptions, appointing officers, training nurses, etc., be entirely under its own control.

(5). That the work of the Red Cross Branch be kept entirely distinct from any branch of the St. John Ambulance Association in Canada.

(6). That the special use for which the Red Cross badge was designed, under Article 7 of the Convention of Geneva, 1864, shall be borne in mind, and all possible means taken to insure its non-abuse.

(Signed) JAMES G. VOKES, Secretary.

It is under this authority that the Canadian Red Cross Society carries on its beneficent work.

7. Upon the declaration of war by the South African Republics in October, 1899, and before Colonial aid by contingents of soldiers was authorized, the executive issued an appeal to the Canadian public to prepare for and carry on Red Cross work amongst the sick and wounded of the Imperial army, not then thinking that the aid of the Society would be required for our own Canadian troops.
8. The principles and methods of the Red Cross being practically unknown to the Canadian public, information was disseminated by means of pamphlets and through the public press, whose columns were most generously placed at the disposal of the Council.
9. The despatch to the seat of war of the First Contingent of Canadians stimulated the public to action, and the Council was able to place in the hands of the commanding officer before his

departure, for the use of the sick and wounded, the sum of £200 sterling, accompanied by large supplies of material and hospital stores. A similar provision was also made in the despatch of subsequent contingents, and the several commanding officers in returning a statement of expenditure made evident the wisdom of this action.

10. But this was not the only aid afforded to the out-going troops.

In several centres of population throughout the Dominion the women associated themselves into societies for the purpose of supplying money and material comforts, games, books, etc., which were not obtainable from government sources.

The Societies thus formed acting independently of the Red Cross Society and of each other, effected a useful purpose in supplying many things needed to conduce to the comfort of the troops on their long and tedious voyage. But owing to the lack of co-operative organization some confusion ensued, resulting in the undue duplication of certain articles and supplies.

When the purposes and aims of the Red Cross Society became more widely known and understood, many of these societies were enrolled as Local Branches of the Red Cross, and continued their work, rendering most valuable assistance to the Council, not only in making and procuring the articles most needed, but also in packing and forwarding for shipment bales of hospital clothing and sundries for South Africa.

11. It soon became evident to the Council that in order to insure a proper and effective distribution of supplies on their arrival in Cape Town, and for other reasons set forth in a Memorandum approved by the Executive Committee in December, 1899, it was necessary to send a Commissioner to South Africa and Lieut.-Col. Ryerson, A.M.S., having been selected by the Executive Committee, was instructed to proceed with the 2nd Canadian Contingent on the S. S. Laurentian, the Government kindly providing a passage to Cape Town from Halifax, N.S.

The Commissioner was provided with ample funds and most of the material on hand.

Lieut.-Col. James Mason was appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee and acted during Lieut.-Col. Ryerson's absence.

12. At the same time it became apparent to the Council that the organization of the Society was not complete, and it was thought advisable to formulate and adopt a Constitution setting forth the aims and objects of the Society and defining by means of By-Laws the several duties of the Council and Executive officers of the Society. It was also necessary to frame rules for

the admission and organization of local branches in all parts of the Dominion. Accordingly the Constitution and Rules governing the Canadian Branch and Local Branches were adopted and confirmed by the Council on the 10th April, 1900, and will be found on page 6.

13. The operations of the Society's Commissioner in co-operation with Sir John Furley, the British Chief Commissioner and his staff are fully set forth in his report (Appendix A).
During the time the Commissioner was in South Africa remittances amounting to £2,600 were made by the Council and £145.13.9 was received by him from other sources. Stores exclusive of contributions by Branches were purchased and forwarded by the Council and addressed to the Commissioner at Cape Town.
It is to be regretted that a portion of these stores, owing to various causes, failed to reach their intended destination; but were merged into the enormous Red Cross supplies massed at Capetown, by the Parent Society and distributed to the sick and wounded as required.
14. The accounts of the Commissioner were audited by a special board appointed by the Council, an abstract of which is attached to this report as Appendix "B"
15. The energy and zeal of our Commissioner were recognized in despatches of Lord Roberts, Lord Methuen and other generals.
16. On leaving South Africa in July, 1900, the Commissioner appointed Lieut.-Col. Biggar as Assistant Commissioner to carry on the work of the Society, and the appointment was afterwards confirmed by the Council.
Remittances amounting to £500 were sent to the Assistant Commissioner by the Council in addition to the sum of £872.12.11 unexpended balance handed over by the Commissioner and £75.13 from other sources.
17. The Assistant Commissioner left South Africa in January, 1901, and the accounts presented by him have also been audited by the board appointed by Council and an abstract of these accounts will be found in Appendix "C."
The gratuitous and efficient services of Lieut.-Colonels Ryerson and Biggar were recognized by the Council and resolutions conveying its appreciation thereof were passed and duly recorded in the minutes of its proceedings.

18. Since the return of Lieut.-Col. Biggar, further small amounts have been expended on behalf of the Society by Major F. J. Dixon, Assistant Railway Transport Officer at Capetown, for the benefit of sick and wounded, as shewn in the accounts.
19. A certified copy of the total receipts and expenditure as per Treasurer's accounts to date is set forth in Appendix "D."
These accounts have been audited by Messrs. Clarkson & Cross, chartered accountants and their certificates are attached.
20. In submitting this report of the operations of the Canadian Red Cross Society for the information of the Parent Society, the local branches and the members and subscribers in the Dominion of Canada, the Council desires to make known the following results of its experience during the present war.

First, the necessity of control by the central organization known as the Council and the loyal adherence to it of the several local branches, without which confusion arises and the true wants of the sick and wounded can not be efficiently met, and the best results obtained from a country of such vast extent as Canada.

The absence of this control over the numerous associations collecting money and supplies under the name of the Red Cross in the early period of the war, resulted as above stated, in much waste of energy through lack of knowledge as to the pressing needs of the sick and wounded; and to the useless duplication of certain articles, when there was urgent need of others, as made known to the Council from various channels.

The Council therefore recommends for the consideration of the local branches that their efforts should be chiefly directed in raising necessary funds, and such articles as may be found necessary by the Council, for which due application will be made.

Moreover it should be pointed out that articles which were not despatched through the agency of the Red Cross were much less likely to reach their destination.

The purchasing power of the Society can be more advantageously exercised in large cities either in the country in which war is being waged or on the main lines of railway in Canada than in smaller communities more distant. It must not be forgotten that the cost of freight for enormous distances sometimes exceeds the value of the goods sent. It is obvious therefore that it is preferable to remit money rather than goods unless they are specially asked for.

21. The support and assistance always generously given by the Press in making known the appeals of the Society, in acknowledging subscriptions and in many other ways deserves the grateful thanks of the Council which is hereby tendered.
22. The thanks of the Council are also due to Lady Tilley for her organization work in New Brunswick; to Lady Taylor, the President, and to the Council of Women in Canada for their valuable assistance in disseminating information as to the objects of the Red Cross Society and for the formation of many branches throughout the Dominion; to Miss Mowat, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. Sweny, Miss Campbell and Miss Wilkie (now Mrs. A. H. Kerr), to whose generous assistance the formation of the Local Branch in Toronto is due and for the arduous tasks they performed; and to many others, through whose efforts Local Branches were established.
23. The report of Mr. J. T. Small, a member of the Central Council, who at the request of the Council kindly undertook the important duty of looking after the condition of Canadian sick and wounded in the hospitals in England pending their return to the Dominion in the summer of 1900, will also be found in Appendix "E."
24. It has been amply demonstrated during the past two years that in all future operations a permanent central depot should be established as a base in the country in which war is being waged; and that it should have a competent and efficient staff acting in co-operation with the Chief Commissioner of the British Red Cross, of which the Canadian Red Cross is a branch, and can only offer its assistance out of Canada through the British National Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. M. GIBSON, PRESIDENT.

Appendix A.

Report of the Canadian Society's Commissioner in South Africa

*To the President and Council of the Canadian Branch of
the British Red Cross Society.*

GENTLEMEN :—

In compliance with the resolution of the Council, with the consent and approval of the Parent Society, and with the permission and assistance of the Honorable F. W. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, I left Toronto on the evening of January 8th, 1900, en route for Halifax and the seat of war. I embarked on the transport *Laurentian* on the 20th and sailed the next day. She carried "D" and "E" Batteries, R. C. A. and details of the Canadian Mounted Rifles all under the command of Major Hurdman, R. C. A. on January 20th, and I sailed the next day.

No event of interest to the Society occurred during the voyage. We arrived at Capetown on February 15th. During the voyage I distributed the Red Cross Stores intended for immediate use and supplied Major Worthington, A.M.S., with cases of dressings, also certain medical and surgical appliances. On disembarking I divided the remaining Forty-eight cases of R. C. Stores between the Batteries, with the exception of 11 cases which I deposited in the British Red Cross Depot for general use. (Note.—In this report "cases" will be used to mean Bags, Bales or Boxes.)

I was cordially received by the British Chief Commissioner, Sir John Furley, with whom I talked over the situation and the course it would be best for me to pursue. The outlook was rather discouraging. The Canadians had left Belmont; the Artillery were detained at Capetown and so there seemed no prospect for the present of being of much service to them. The British Society had Commissioners at Orange River and in Natal and it appeared that I would have a period of enforced inactivity. On the 17th and 18th I visited the Hospitals at Woodstock and Wynberg and found a few Canadians. On the 19th Sir John Furley asked me if I would go to the front to superintend the distribution of a carload of British Red Cross Stores. I gladly availed myself of the opportunity. The following evening I left Capetown for Orange River, arriving twenty-four hours later.

Orange River. I found forty-seven Canadians in Hospital, none seriously ill. I distributed some money and comforts to them, and made arrangements for some of them to be sent down to Wynberg.

It is characteristic of the feeling of personal independence of Canadians that some of the men refused any aid. I had the same experience elsewhere—men refusing underclothing, etc., preferring to

buy it themselves out of their slender resources rather than be indebted for it. In some cases men would only accept money on being told that they might repay it at any time they found it convenient, though they had not received any pay for considerable periods. Others were very glad of a little help, but all seemed to derive pleasure from the thought that it had been thought worth while to send some one out to South Africa to look after them. It cannot be denied that the presence of the Commissioner stimulated the interest taken in our sick and wounded by the medical officers and nurses under whose immediate care they were. Sick and alone among strangers in hospital, on many occasions our men expressed their lively satisfaction and relief of mind in knowing that they had a Canadian near at hand interested in them and on whom they could fall back in case of emergency. Yet I never heard any complaints of neglect or harshness towards them by medical officers or nurses.

At the time of my arrival there were about one thousand sick and wounded at Orange river who were very comfortably bestowed in portable galvanized iron huts, convalescents occupying tents. A large Red Cross Depot was maintained here from which comforts of all sorts were issued. The night of the 22nd of February was very cold and wet. About ten o'clock a long train drew up at the station; it was without lights save on the engine. The train was crowded with wounded coming down from the front. The most seriously wounded were lying in the sleeping compartments; the slighter cases sat in ordinary compartments. Lights were obtained, beef tea, brandy, food, blankets, pillows and other comforts were quickly procured from the Red Cross stores and distributed. Some of the more serious cases were removed to the hospital, the remainder being sent on to No. 5 General Hospital at De Aar. On learning that a train would pass through to Kimberley I appointed Captain R. R. Sleman, City Imperial Volunteers, an Assistant Canadian Commissioner at Orange River to look after the wants of our sick while I went forward to Kimberley, arriving there on the night of the 25th. The Hon. George Peel was the British Commissioner but was obliged at this time to return to Eng'and owing to ill health. I was therefore the only representative of the Society near the scene of hostilities and had the honor to act for the Parent Society as well as for our own branch. On the way we passed through *Belmont*, remaining about half an hour. I made it my business to seek out the Canadians but found only a few left in charge of the regimental baggage; there were no sick. We remained some hours at *Modder River*, where the railway bridge had been blown up by the Boers. Ours was the first train to cross by the temporary structure. I made enquiry for Canadians but found none in the hospital. They had been sent down to the base as the hospital had been evacuated to meet further intrushes of casualties. The remaining twenty miles to Kimberley were performed at a snail's pace, ours being the first through train, no one knowing what might happen at any moment. However we arrived safely late that night. Next morning I visited the hospitals in search of Canadians. I found twenty-six

wounded in the Drill Hall and others in the School houses and City Hospital. Many of these men were in want of clothing, their own having been destroyed when they were wounded. One man had to remain in bed because he had no trousers, while another had nothing left but his helmet. I supplied these men with underclothing, trousers, shirts, pyjamas, and many other comforts, including money. In the meantime fighting was going on at Paardeburg. Daily convoys of sick and wounded arrived. I was most anxious to go out with stores but was forbidden to do so on account of the state of the road which was rendered unsafe by wandering parties of the enemy who would have looted my cart and stores. It was not until the 2nd of March that I was permitted to go out with a Cape cart full of stores. These stores, tobacco, cigarettes, pipes, brandy, Bovril, condensed milk, cocoa, and bandages I handed over to Captain Barker, R.C.R., for use in the Canadian Regimental Hospital and in the Field Hospital of the 19th Brigade. After riding over to Osfontein to call upon the P.M.O., Colonel Stevenson, R.A.M.C., and ascertaining the wants of the hospitals, and after calling upon Major Fiaschi, New South Wales Field Hospital, for the same purpose, I returned to Kimberley, after having been sniped at long range and after a brief but exciting interview in the dark with a scout from Arizona employed by the British. Meanwhile the pressure upon the medical service was steadily increasing—500 sick arrived one after another, and 340 next morning. It was desired by the P. M. O., Colonel Henderson, R.A.M.C., to use the Masonic Hall as a hospital, but there was no equipment available. In this emergency I volunteered to attempt to furnish it. I interviewed Mr. Williams, Acting Manager of the De Beers Company and arranged with him to have two hundred folding cots made at a cost of £85. With great exertion these cots were made and delivered in four days. After furnishing ninety to the Masonic Temple the remaining ones were sent to the St. Andrew's Schools and the Drill Hall. I also procured blankets, sheets, pillows, pillow cases, saucers, cups, jugs, basins, bedpans, screens, cooking utensils, and many other necessaries. At my request Sir John Furley sent up thirty ward and bedside tables from Capetown. I also arranged that three of the four Canadian nurses, Misses Hurcombe, Horne, and Richardson, who had been sent up to Kimberley at my request, should have nursing charge; Miss Macdonald was posted to the Drill Hall. These nurses had arrived shortly before and had been assigned an empty house to live in. I gave them £20 to begin house-keeping with and £5 apiece for their personal wants. (The nurses of the First contingent had received \$300 from the Society. The nurses of the Second contingent until this time had received nothing from us.) At this time (March 20th) I was asked to join Colonel Williams, P.M.O., of the Australians and Mr. Murray Guthrie, M.P., to ride with them across the veldt to Bloemfontein, ninety-six miles. I was constrained to decline because I had left Capetown expecting to be gone four days and had with me only the uniform in which I stood and a change of underclothing

and had now been absent four weeks. I also felt it my duty to look after the Canadians in hospital at Wynberg and elsewhere and I had had a sharp attack of fever which left me very weak, though I continued to work, except for three days when I was confined to bed. I therefore returned to Capetown, but before leaving I requested Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen to accept £50 for the use of the sick, who were many, and for whom there was much needed. Lord Methuen was very kind and requested me to accompany him to Fourteen Streams. I was obliged to decline this tempting offer also for the reasons already given and because I felt it would interfere with my duties as Red Cross Commissioner. On my return to Capetown and after two days of rest and good food, for the diet at Kimberley left much to be desired, I picked up strength and began to visit the hospitals at Woodstock, Wynberg and Rondebosch. I found that the Canadians like others wanted for nothing except that some of them wished for a little ready cash which I gave out in small amounts. At Rondebosch I had the pleasure of meeting the other Canadian nurses, Misses Pope, Forbes, Russell, and Affleck, who were doing excellent work and winning golden opinions. During the time I was at Kimberley I received much valuable assistance from Captain Chapman, Kimberley Regiment, a former resident of Hamilton, Ontario. Upon leaving I appointed him Assistant Canadian Commissioner for Kimberley. I have learned since that he did much useful work for our men in hospital and for the Canadian nurses, for which he has made no claim. The warm thanks of the Society are due to him. Much of my time during my period of service in South Africa was taken up in ascertaining the whereabouts, condition and prospects of sick and wounded officers and men of the Imperial and Colonial forces and in writing or telegraphing regarding them, also in forwarding private parcels through the Imperial Parcel Agency and in looking after letters, etc. for the sick of our contingents which were afterwards forwarded through the Army Parcel Service.

Canadian Stores (see Appendix). I visited the docks, customs houses, and Red Cross depot, collecting Canadian Red Cross stores which had arrived by the "Milwaukee." Most of these stores were afterwards forwarded at my request to me at Bloemfontein, by the Assistant British Commissioner, Mr. Bonham Carter. The experience I had now gained enabled me to understand how very difficult it was to assist any one corps. I had also observed how very liberally the British Red Cross had dealt with our men, making no distinction between Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, and Englishmen.

Transport Difficulties (see Appendix). Further, I had learned what a difficult problem was the transport. A great army had to be fed and supplied with munitions of war, horses, and everything that is required by an army in the field. All this had to be carried on one single, narrow-gauge railway.

Red Cross stores therefore had a secondary place. So it was only during a comparative lull or under pressure from headquarters that transport was obtainable.

Private Parcels (see Appendix). Red Cross authorities were specifically forbidden to send private parcels, or parcels addressed to officers or men, as Red Cross material. A department was organized under Mr. Hamilton Gatliff, called the "Imperial War Office Parcels Delivery," to which was entrusted the forwarding of all parcels for individuals, corps, or regiments. While in Capetown at this time I saw to the forwarding of large quantities of parcels for Colonel Otter and his regiment. I also obtained 750 sweaters for the regiment, for the nights were getting cold. Having performed these duties and having recovered my strength, I left again for the front on March 27th. Before leaving, however, I appointed Major Macdougall, R.C.R., Assistant Canadian Commissioner at Capetown, and Lieut.-Colonel Grier, R.A.M.C., to a similar position at Wynberg, to look after Canadian's interests. Mr. Bonham Carter, Assistant British Commissioner, being specially requested to look after our stores (see Appendix). Prior to this there had been no clerk on the dock to take our stores, this having been done by the disembarkation officer; one was now appointed.

Bloemfontein. I arrived at Bloemfontein, after a tedious journey of three days and three nights, on April 18th. Our train being the first to cross the Orange River temporary bridge at Norval's Point, the permanent structure having been blown up by the enemy. I found many sick, and many articles of comfort and necessity wanting in the hospitals. With the money placed at my disposal by the council, I purchased sheets, pillows, pillow cases, palliases, ward crockery, bedpans, ward tables, cutlery, spoons, easy chairs, handkerchiefs, shirts, fans, mosquito netting, towels, bath sponges, screens (for the dying), soup basins with covers, crocks for solutions, feeding cups and a great variety of comforts for the sick and wounded, to the value of about £600. The articles were used for Imperial and Colonial soldiers alike. I assisted Colonel Otter in removing some eighty Canadian sick from the field to the stationary hospitals, and sent palliases to the field hospital for those who were not removed, as well as mosquito netting and many other comforts. On April 25th, I was appointed by Sir John Furlley, Red Cross Commissioner with Lord Roberts' headquarters. About the middle of April, Mr. Abbott, travelling agent for the British Red Cross had arranged to get possession of the Salvation Army Barracks as a Red Cross Depot. Soon after my appointment British and Canadian stores began to arrive, when it became necessary to find a storemaster. I was fortunate in selecting Sergeant Charles E. Craig, R.C.R., and with him five convalescents from the Royal Canadian Regiment as helpers. As considerable difficulty was experienced in getting stores up from Capetown I had an interview with Lord Roberts who gave orders that a certain number of trucks laden with our stores should be given precedence on the railway. These trucks eventually arrived to the great comfort of the sick. On a subsequent

occasion I had arranged with Lord Kitchener that a truck laden with Red Cross stores should be attached to the ambulance train coming north, and that the train itself should carry Red Cross stores. These arrangements carried out with some degree of regularity materially relieved the pressure. During the great epidemic of enteric fever at this place the Society was able to be of use in supplying comforts to the sick, including a large number of eggs. Our large depot was so filled with stores that we had to commandeer a house wherein to store the reserve stock.

The hospitals supplied by us from this depot were the 8th, 9th, and 10th General and No. 5 Stationary (in the Raadzaal), St. Michael's, old and new St. Andrew's, Volks, Barracks, Johnston's, Upper and Lower Dames, Convalescent Camp, Green Hill Convent, Irish Industrial Home, Lady Roberts', Grey College, Langman, Portland, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Field Hospitals, the Naval, Guards and Highland Brigade Hospitals, Nos. 2, 3, 5, Hospital Trains, Canadian Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery, Tasmanian and New South Wales Regimental and Field Hospitals, Royal Artillery, City Imperial Volunteers, 38th Company Royal Engineers, Oxford Light Infantry, P. M. O. of 9th Division for outlying station hospitals, the hospital at Wynberg, Jaegersfontein, Thabanchu, Springfontein, Brantford, Lindley, Springfield, Glen, Karee Siding and Kroonstad. At the latter place a branch depot was established under Corporal Brown, R.C.R., which supplied No. 3 General Hospital, the Scottish National Hospital, and the Hospital trains.

The following are the articles supplied and the quantities, from the storemaster's report to June 25th: Butter 871 tubs, brandy 612 cases, bedpans 128, basins and jugs 181, blankets 1659, bandages 30 cases containing 500 to 1,000 each, cholera belts 871, cigarettes 74,280, champagne 192 bottles, sleeping caps 986, cornflour, cocoa (1-lb. tins) feeding cups 192, tinned chicken 1110, chocolate 4 cases, dressing gowns 518, handkerchiefs 5264, jellies 611, kit bags 561, listerine 24 bottles, condensed milk 3,070 tins, mosquito netting 455 yards, night shirts 471, pipes 2454, pillow slips 868, pillows 1163, pyjamas 1954, shirts 4396, socks (prs.) 3308, surgical dressings 8 large cases, pairs of sheets 337, tobacco 759 lbs., towels 1374, underwear 612 suits, whiskey 759 bottles, wine 607 bottles, meat essences 3049 tins, slippers 890 pairs, besides arrowroot biscuits, periodicals, barley, Bengers' food, hot-water bottles, tooth brushes, scent, cardigan jackets, games, malted milk, concentrated soups, rice, quilts, rubber sheeting, stationery, sponges, soap, tea, vaseline, canned vegetables and fruits, walking sticks and crutches, jerseys, sweaters, muslin, mufflers, cocoa wine, and a great variety of miscellaneous comforts.

I am glad to be able to state that during the many trying, and laborious weeks, at Bloemfontein no friction or misunderstanding took place between myself and anyone with whom I had official relations.

Organisation.—(See Appendix.) In a country of such magnitude as South Africa it is not humanly possible for one man to satisfactorily carry on the work of even the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross.

To meet this difficulty I appointed, subject to confirmation by the council, Assistant Commissioners, who looked after our men in their localities. Major Macdougall was appointed for Capetown but the pressure of work in the Transport Office prevented his giving that attention to the work which he would have wished. Lieut.-Col. Grier, R.A.M.C., was our representative at Wynberg, and with the kind assistance of Mrs. Grier, a Canadian, did much to aid our men. Lieut.-Col. J. Lyons Biggar was appointed Assistant Commissioner at large and did much excellent work, both during my stay in South Africa and after I left. Captain R. R. Sleman, C.I.V., interested himself at Orange River, and deserves the thanks of the Society.

Of Captain Chapman at Kimberley I have already spoken. The Rev. Mr. Almond, a chaplain of the Royal Canadian Regiment, acted as a travelling agent for some time with gratifying success. Our mainstay at the base was the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. G. Bonham Carter. He aided me in every way in his power and forwarded all the Canadian stores he could to me. I am sure that many cases went astray because they were not provided with Bills of Lading in the Transports, and because a ship would unload in part at Capetown, then be ordered on to Durban, East London or Port Elizabeth to discharge the remainder of her cargo. (See Appendix.) Not a single case of spirits arrived at the depot in Bloemfontein without being tampered with and one or more bottles abstracted. This looting became so bad at last that Sir John Furley refused to forward any more stores except in locked trunks. On Sir John Furley, the Chief Commissioner, fell the greatest responsibility. The geniality, tact and ability with which he discharged his onerous duties enabled him to surmount almost unsurmountable difficulties. Canadians owe him a large debt of gratitude.

The statements that have been made that quantities of Red Cross stores were eaten by rats, and left unprotected in the open are entirely devoid of foundation.

One complaint I have to make. It is that friends sending cases from Canada, in many cases, did not put in them any means of identifying the place from which they came or to whom acknowledgment of receipt could be sent. As far as possible acknowledgments were sent on receipt of cases.

I cannot speak too highly of the good work done by the Canadian nurses during this war. I heard the work of those of the first contingent at Rondebosch highly commended, and I know it was appreciated by the sick and wounded Canadians. Miss Pope and Miss Forbes were afterwards transferred to Kroonstad where they did wonders with scanty materials. Of the nurses of the second contingent and their work at Kimberley I have already spoken. They were afterwards transferred to Bloemfontein where they were stationed at the Officers' Annex of the Dames Institute, and did excellent work. Misses Horne and Richardson unfortunately contracted enteric fever; the health of the former being so seriously impaired that she was invalided to England.

Expenses and Issue of Red Cross Stores. It will be seen by reference to the statement of accounts (See Appendix) that the expenditure by your Commissioner in South Africa amounted to £2,735.00. Of this amount, £100 was contributed to the general expense of the Red Cross Society in South Africa. The Parent Society providing all depots, transports, and staff for handling our stores. £200 was spent for eggs for sick and convalescents at Bloemfontein. (See Appendix.) I was able to arrange with Lord Roberts to have 400 eggs sent up daily with the mails. They played an important part in the dietry of the sick, of whom the Canadians formed no inconsiderable part. I further contributed £500 for warm underclothing and socks. On leaving, I found I had £1,000 in the bank of which I had no advice note, nor was I aware that the £500 of this £1,000 was intended for distribution to the commanding officers of Canadian corps, until my return to Toronto, when the cable was forwarded to me from Capetown. I thought it my duty to make this contribution as the Parent Society had been most generous in supplying our convalescents with personal comforts. It may not be out of place here to mention that many men, perhaps the majority, do not know that they received any personal benefit from the Society for the reason that stores were issued on requisition signed by the medical officers in charge and were issued by them to the men in hospital. They were not marked in any way to indicate whence they came, and men naturally supposed that they were official stores. Every sick or wounded man who was put in an Ambulance train was supplied, by the Society, with an invalid kit bag containing shirt, pyjamas, comb and brush, tooth brush, socks, slippers, sponge and bag and towel and soap at a cost of \$4.25 each. As 11,865 officers and men were carried on the trains an idea of the expenditure on this item may be gained.

So far as Canadian Red Cross stores at Bloemfontein were concerned, I made it a rule that any member of the Canadian contingents might take anything in reason that he required, when all requirements were satisfied, the balance was turned into stock. My duty took me around certain hospitals one day, and others the next. Sergeant Craig endeavored to see every sick Canadian each Sunday, and made notes of their wants which were supplied either from the Canadian cases, from general (Red Cross) or by purchase. So that every effort was made to afford relief. A house was taken by Colonel Otter in which Canadian officers were cared for, and supplied by us with every comfort. The rent was paid out of the £200, donated to the Canadian Regiment before leaving. A local civil practitioner of repute, Dr. Johnston, was engaged to attend the sick officers, partly at our expense. Where no Canadian representative was located, as at De Aar, our stores went into the general Depot. On leaving South Africa, and having in mind the fact that there was no Red Cross Depot in Pretoria, that the need was great, and that Lady Roberts had always taken the kindest interest in Red Cross work I sent her £100, which was greatly appreciated and duly acknowledged. (See Appendix). Grants in

cash were made to officers and men in sums from four shillings to £5, according to circumstances. It was a boon to the men and gave great satisfaction. Ten shillings was given to each Canadian invalid who embarked for England. (See Lieut.-Col. Lyons Biggar's report.)

It will have been observed that (Canadian) Red Cross Stores were cared for as well as possible taking into consideration the distance and difficulties of transport. The greater part were used by Canadians, though they were not always aware of the fact.

The best thanks of the Society are due to Field Marshal Earl Roberts, K.G., for his unflinching sympathy, encouragement and support. To Lieut.-General Lord Kitchener for his invaluable assistance and co-operation. To Surgeon-General Wilson, Principal Medical Officer of the Army in South Africa, for his invaluable assistance. To the Medical, Transport, Ordnance and Railway Staff Officers for kindly and helpful co-operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. STERLING RYERSON, LIEUT.-COLONEL, A.M.S.,

Red Cross Commissioner.

October 1st, 1900.

Appendix to Commissioner's Report

Letters and telegrams to Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson from Mr. Bonham Carter, Assistant British Commissioner at Capetown :

CANADIAN STORES.

Extract from letter dated March 10, 1900.

"I think I have succeeded in making a satisfactory arrangement about the Canadian stores intended for the Canadian Contingents. They will be sent up by Mr. Hamilton Gatcliffe, of the War Office Agency, for the distribution of parcels, South Arm Docks. I have expressed my willingness to stow the stores if necessary, in our shed and supply them to Mr. Hamilton Gatcliffe from time to time as he is able to send them up. As you know the Society would gladly undertake to forward the stores itself, but is prevented from doing so by the regulations and the condition under which it works."

Telegram, April 2nd.

"Truck with Canadian stores not yet allowed to go through. Am doing all I can to get it through."

Telegram, dated April 3rd.

Following cable addressed to you received. Begins, "Despatched several cases Steamer Monterey, One hermetically sealed. Contains dressings." Ends, "Will take cases into store on arrival."

Extract from letter dated April 15th.

"I have now got a clerk whose sole duty it will be to look after our goods at the docks. The losses by theft and careless handling have become so great that it has become absolutely necessary to have some one always on the spot. It is very difficult to detect offenders."

Extract from letter dated April 11th.

"I sent off Truck No. 2670 M from Capetown, it contains all the Canadian cases in store. I have recently received advice of 200 cases Canadian Club Whiskey."

Extract from a letter dated May 30th.

"I enclose invoices of truck No. 5214 despatched to you yesterday. There is one bale of 37 brown sweaters sent to you from London. I have invoices showing several other bales of jerseys and hosiery (from New York) for you which I hope to shortly receive. There is also a quantity of khaki shirts presented by the women of Newfoundland."

Extract from letter dated June 19th.

"I beg to hand you herewith invoices of goods despatched this day. There are among them 12 cases addressed to you from various parts of Canada."

Extract from the books of the Customs Department, Waterside Docks, Capetown.

The following bales and boxes have been received from Canada at this office: March, 25 cases; April, 37 cases; May, 13 cases; June, 23 cases; total 98 cases. Distributed as follows: Bloemfontein, 52 cases; De Aar, 22 cases; total 74; balance to Capetown and vicinity."

This statement does not include the 48 cases taken to South Africa by the Commissioner and distributed chiefly to "D" and "E" batteries, the remainder going to Wynberg hospitals.

Extract from a letter from Sir John Furlay, dated May 23rd.

"I wired you from East London that I had forwarded to you four cases, which I found were going back to Capetown in transport. I hope I did right."

Report of Storemaster at Bloemfontein.

TO LIEUT.-COL. RYERSON,

Red Cross Depot,
Bloemfontein, June 24, '00.

Sir, I have the honor to report that up to date we have received from Canada sixty cases which can be traced to the following places: Toronto 10, Montreal 7, Rothsay, N. S., 1, Westmount, Que., 12, New

Brunswick 4, Guelph 7, Nova Scotia 3, Sherbrooke, Que., 1, St. Thomas, Ont., 5, British Columbia 2, London, Ont., 2, Miscellaneous unidentified 15. This does not include eight cases of biscuits, which were received for "B" Company, R.C.R. from London. Some of the cases were in good condition, others had been tampered with. The contents sorted out, turned into stock and issued to the various hospitals, the Canadians getting the greater share.

I am, etc.,

CHAS. E. E. CRAIG, Storemaster.

EGGS FOR THE SICK.

Extract from a letter from Mr. Bonham Carter, dated April 19th.

"I find that the number of eggs sent forward last night was 720. The present expense is about £8.10.0 a day. Your letter with cheque for £100 for eggs just received. I have advertised for a supply of 400 eggs daily."

From the same dated April 28th.

"The railway transport officer here refused point blank to let any more eggs go without a direct order from the Chief of Staff. Please see Lord Kitchener and get him to wire the required order." (This was obtained.—G.S.R.)

Storemaster's report re-eggs, June 12th, '00.

"I have the honor to report that from May 25th to June 11th we received 1155 dozen of eggs. The condition of the eggs lately received is greatly improved and are highly appreciated by the Medical Officers and patients in hospital."

DIFFICULTIES OF TRANSPORT.

Extract from a letter from Mr. Bonham Carter, dated April 28th.

"I have applied to the Director of Railways here to give us the required permission (for trucks to go up to Bloemfontein), but have received the answer that he can do nothing without an order from headquarters. If you could only obtain for us permission for a truck to go through at stated intervals it would place us in a much better position for the carrying on of our work."

From the same, dated May 2nd.

"Thanks to your energy, we succeeded in getting permission for a second truck to be attached to No. 3 Ambulance Train, which leaves to-day."

From the same, dated May 5th.

"It has given me great pleasure to receive your letter of April 20th, and I congratulate you on the success of your efforts in getting trucks through for us."

ORGANIZATION.

Red Cross work in South Africa was organized as follows :

Chief Commissioner, Sir John Furley ; Commissioner with Lord Roberts' headquarters, Lieut-Colonel G. Sterling Ryerson. Assistant Commissioners, Mr. G. Bonham Carter, Mr. Kenworthy, Dr. Chipmell, Hon. George Peel. Travelling Agents, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Paine.

CANADIAN BRANCH—Chief Commissioner, Lieut-Colonel G. Sterling Ryerson. Assistant Commissioners, Lieut-Colonel J. Lyons Biggar, Lieut-Colonel Grier, Wynberg ; Major Macdougall, Capetown ; Captain R. R. Sleman, C.I.V., Orange River ; Captain E. W. Chapman, Kimberley. Travelling Agent, Rev. Mr. Almond, R.C.R. Agents : Captain Greenwood ; Dr. Vincent Manning, Kroonstad ; Chaplain Cox, R.C.A. Storemasters : Sergeants Charles E. Craig and Morrison. Storemen : Corporals McLean and Brown ; Privates Laird, Auger and Dorion, R.C.R.

APPRECIATION OF CANADIAN RED CROSS WORK.

Letter from Lord Wantage, Chairman of the Central Red Cross Committee, London.

"DEAR COLONEL RYERSON—Will you allow me to say how much pleasure and satisfaction it gave me and the other members of the Central Red Cross Committee to learn that you have consented to take up the Red Cross work in South Africa. The experience and energy you will bring to bear on the work will be most valuable. During the present advance personal supervision at the front is essential. I felt somewhat anxious on this point and your appointment is a source of much satisfaction to me."—*London, May 25th, 1900.*

From the same, July 28th, 1900.

"DEAR COLONEL RYERSON—I trust the very cordial expressions of thanks in the enclosed vote of thanks will reach you previous to your departure. Personally, I feel very sensible of and grateful for all you have done for the Red Cross in South Africa. You have rendered most valuable and efficient service."

Extract from the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Central Red Cross Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th of July, 1900.

"On the proposal of H.R.H. the Princess Christian, seconded by Viscount Knutsford, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society for the subscriptions which they have so generously made from time to time to the funds of the British Red Cross Society, and to Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson, Chairman of their Executive Committee, for the valuable services which he has personally rendered to the Central British Red Cross Committee in acting as their Commissioner at Bloemfontein and elsewhere with the headquarters of Lord Roberts' army."

(Signed) WANTAGE,
Chairman Red Cross Committee.

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Lockinge House, Wantage, Berks,

March 7th, 1901.

DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,—

I am very much pleased with the very ample and interesting report that you have furnished to the Red Cross Society. I look forward with great pleasure to the time when, owing to your successful operation on the staff of Lord Roberts and representing the British Red Cross Society, great harmony will exist between England and the Dominion. Lord Roberts speaks in the highest terms of your services, and I, as Chairman of the Red Cross Society, desire to add my testimony to that of the Commander-in-Chief.

With kind regards, believe me yours very truly,

(Signed) WANTAGE.

MY DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,—

Pretoria, 27th February, 1901.

I trust you will pardon me for not writing and thanking you long before this for your very great assistance to us in our difficulties.

I have often intended to write, but I could never secure a time when I could quietly sit down and say to you what was in my mind.

To others who have assisted me I could write appropriate letters of thanks, but you seemed to have placed on me a debt so large that I am unable to repay. I do, however, acknowledge it, and I thank you sincerely in the name of the service to which I belong. You came to this country with most useful stores. You placed them at the disposal of the sick and wounded when and where most needed. Your work was most untiring and unselfish, and, I fear, will never be appreciated as it should be. I doubt, however, if this last will trouble you much.

If I ever visit Canada I will avail myself of the honor and pleasure of calling on you and I will, I trust, then have a talk over past events.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. D. WILSON,

Surgeon-General,

Principal Medical Officer of the Army in South Africa.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES RELATIVE TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, May 24th.

To the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to you for communication to your Ministers copy of a despatch which the Secretary of State for War has received from the Field Marshal, the Commander-in-Chief in South Africa, respecting the good work done by the Canadian Red Cross Society at Kimberley. I observe with great pleasure the high terms in which Lord Roberts and Lord Methuen have reported on the work of the society.

(Signed) J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Army Headquarters,
Government House,
Bloemfontein, March 29th, 1900.

To the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from Lieut-General Lord Methuen, bearing testimony to the excellent work done by the Canadian Red Cross Society at Kimberley. The Royal Army Medical Corps were working at Kimberley at a very high pressure owing to the fact that our wounded from Paardeberg, and a very large number of Boers' wounded were sent into that place. Had it not been for the exertions of the Mayor of Kimberley in providing accommodation, the kindness of the Sisters at the Nazareth Home and the Roman Catholic community and the energy and zeal of Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson, M.D., and the Canadian Red Cross Society, the condition of the sick and wounded would have been different from what I found it on my visit there last month.

(Signed) ROBERTS,
Field Marshal.

To Lieut.-General Lord Kitchener, Chief of Staff.

I wish to bring before the Commander-in-Chief the fine and unostentatious work performed by the Canadian Red Cross Society here under the guidance of Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson, M.D. The sick and wounded came from Paardeberg in too large numbers and at too great a pace for me to meet the medical requirements. The Kimberley people found halls and schools and as many beds as they could. But two hundred trestle beds and extra blankets appeared, so far as I could make out, from the skies. Only yesterday I found out Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson had seen our wants and had got De Beers men to make the beds and had bought the blankets and hospital requirements and had placed these things in the hospitals without saying a word to anyone. Here, at any rate, is money spent in a practical manner, the agent a medical man who ascertains the place where aid is required and who uses his own judgment as to what is required. Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson leaves to-day and has left me a cheque to spend as I think best for the sick. Four Canadian nurses came here to-day. The Canadian Red Cross Society have taken so much interest in the work that I should be glad if this testimony of good done by the society through Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson might be known to the president of the society.

(Signed) METHUEN,
Lieut.-General, commanding First Division.

A despatch from Field Marshal Earl Roberts, K.G., G.C.B., to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for War, London:

War Office, Sept. 10th, 1901.

SIR—In continuation of my despatch dated London, April 2nd, 1901, in which I reported on the various departments of the Army in South Africa and brought to your notice the names of certain Staff and other officers, together with a number of Colonial officers and men who have distinguished themselves, I have now the honor to further bring to your notice the great civil hospitals which did so much to alleviate suffering and

to moderate the strain thrown on the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the patriotic efforts of Sir John Furley, Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Ryerson, Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and Major W. G. Macpherson, R.A.M.C., and the (British) Red Cross Society, &c., &c.

I have, etc.

(Signed) ROBERTS, F.M.

Letter from the Red Cross Commissioner to Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson.

DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,—

Capetown, July 4th, 1900.

Pray accept my best thanks on behalf of the British Red Cross Society for the cheque of £500 from the Canadian Branch to be expended for the benefit of the sick and wounded.

I only regret that this cheque seems to close the friendly connection which has existed between the Canadian Branch and the Parent Society, as it marks your departure from South Africa. Personally, I shall always feel grateful to you for the kind manner in which you have co-operated with me and all those who represent the British Red Cross Society.

I remain, sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN FURLEY.

Letter from Lady Roberts.

DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,—

Pretoria, August 25th, 1900.

I must write and thank you for the £100 you sent me before leaving South Africa from the Canadian Red Cross Society. I was very glad to get it, for no Red Cross Depot had been opened here at the time, and I had rather come to the end of my resources. You will see by the enclosed receipt that I spent £81 5s. on sheets, pillowcases and shirts, and the remainder—£18 15s.—is to be spent in providing invalid chairs and couches for the hospitals, &c., &c.

Believe me, dear Colonel Ryerson, yours sincerely,

NORA ROBERTS.

Letter from Colonel Otter.

DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,

Bloemfontein, May 4th, 1900.

I have your note of yesterday and hastened to reply with least delay possible. I note the copy of the cablegram received by you from the Secretary of the Red Cross Society of Toronto, in which it is stated that I was asking for necessaries for my regiment. This statement is correct in so far as I told you the other day that I had received a cable from Mrs. Nordheimer of Toronto asking me what the men required. To which I replied on 20th April, asking for "£125 to purchase woollen drawers for the men locally," and this amount or rather £150 was sent me by cable yesterday.

You certainly very kindly offered to supply me with the drawers, but as I had already cabled for the

money I did not accept your offer pending a reply from Canada, besides which I had already arranged with the Imperial authorities for an issue of drawers to be made me on repayment. This issue I have already received, but it is quite possible that I shall not be called upon to pay for them, in which case I shall hold the credit of £150 previously referred to until instructions as to its disposal are given me by the committee of the ladies' branch of the Red Cross Society of Toronto.

I can certainly testify to the fullest degree your constant anxiety to furnish the regiment under my command with every comfort possible for the sick and wounded, as well as such things necessary to secure the health and strength and efficiency of the men.

You have contributed very much from your stores for these purposes and would have done more had I not declined to ask or receive, owing to the fact that I had myself been furnished by your Society and other kind friends before leaving Canada with funds for the same purpose and consequently did not feel justified in calling upon you for assistance. I have to thank you forethought for seven hundred and fifty sweaters for the men lately received from the ordnance department and also for fifty rugs.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) W. D. OTTER, Lieut.-Colonel

Commanding R. C. R.

Letter from Chaplain Lane, First Canadian Mounted Rifles.

TO COLONEL RYERSON.

DEAR SIR—I take this opportunity to thank you for the kind help rendered our corps while at Bloemfontein. The clothing, stores, etc., received from the Red Cross Society, were of great benefit to our men. I was able to distribute clothing and other things, which our men greatly needed at Fischer's farm. I regret that my detailed memo. has been lost during the campaign, so that I content myself with sending you this letter in recognition of the self-denying efforts of yourself and staff on behalf of the men to whom it was a privilege to minister.

What I received from you, together with what I was able to purchase with private funds, and goods received through Colonel Otter from the Red Cross Society in England, is in my estimation, sound logic for the continuation of the good work of the society, which you represent.

I am, dear Sir, yours very sincerely

(Signed) W. G. LANE, Chaplain.

Letter from Major Norrey Worthington, A.M.S.

Sherbrooke, January 25th, 1901.

MY DEAR RYERSON—In reply to yours of the 21st, I may say that I left the Brigade Divisional Staff early in May last. While at De Aar I got a few things from the Red Cross, but as we had very few sick at that time we did not require much. These things I understood were given on your order to Colonel Drury. However I can say that the men as far as I could see were well supplied with comforts.

(Signed) Yours very sincerely,

N. A. WORTHINGTON, Major,

In Medical charge of Brigade Division Royal Canadian Artillery.

Ottawa, January 23rd, 1901.

DEAR COLONEL RYERSON,—

I have just sent Colonel Neilson a report of our work in South Africa in which I have spoken of the great benefit of the Red Cross Society to us and of your personal kindness as well. So you see I have much pleasure in further stating that I consider the work of the Red Cross Society in South Africa to have been of inestimable value. Speaking from experience of the Canadian Branch I do not know what we should have done without it in Kroonstadt during the early days of the English occupation there, when the lines of communication were so greatly taxed and few general hospital stores had arrived. The condensed milk, beef essence, whiskey and clothing, etc., you sent us were most acceptable. At Pretoria we received many much needed medical comforts. While nursing sisters who had been stationed at Bloemfontein often told me of the many comforts they had received for their patients from the Canadian Red Cross Society there.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

(Signed) GEORGINA F. POPE,

Superintendent First Contingent Nursing Sisters in South Africa

Appendix C.

Report of the Assistant Commissioner.

The President and Council of the Canadian Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Early in June, 1900, Lieut.-Col. Ryerson, your Commissioner for South Africa, asked me to do what I could in looking after the Canadian sick and wounded and when at Capetown to try and see them off on their way to England. He gave me money and instructed me to give each invalid, on sailing, ten shillings.

On July 1st Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson came down on his way home and asked me to take over all the work. This I was reluctant to do as my work as staff officer for Canada was quite enough to occupy all my time, but as no one else seemed available and the need was great, I undertook to do the best I could. I at once called upon Sir John Furley, the British Red Cross Commissioner, who offered to assist me in any way possible. Up to this time his staff had been collecting any packages which arrived for the Canadian Branch and forwarding them to Colonel Ryerson and he promised that they should continue to collect them, but that I must secure rooms of my own as they were already crowded where they were. I found a good deal of difficulty in getting a room, but at last succeeded in securing one in the Drill Hall which was in a central place and not too far from my office. Comparatively few parcels, however, came after this, but I purchased what was necessary to supply the wants of the men. A few private parcels also arrived, but most of these were handed over at once to what was known as the War Office Parcel Agency, opened by Mr. Hamilton Gatcliffe, who undertook to forward all parcels arriving to their destination, so nearly everything was handed at once to him on the arrival

of the ships. The few parcels that we did receive were handed over to the storemen in charge of the various stores of the different regiments, and sent by them up to the regiment on the first opportunity. By the end of July I had matters in good order so far as Capetown, Woodstock, Rondebosch, Wynberg and Green Point were concerned. Mrs. Grier, wife of Colonel Grier, was kind enough to allow supplies to be stored at her house, and the Quartermaster's Sergeant took charge of the stores for us at Rondebosch, and the Misses Cloete, of Roseback, visited this camp every Tuesday afternoon and distributed supplies among our men. Private Auger, who had acted as orderly for Colonel Ryerson, remained with me and visited the hospitals daily looking up the men and supplying their needs. On August 1st I got permission to visit the hospitals up country taking Sergeant Morrison with me to assist in looking up our men, and the first one visited was Kimberley. At that time, however, we had very few there. One of our batteries was to the west of Kimberley, but I only found one man who really required attention in Kimberley itself. The next point visited was Springfontein where we left a box of comforts for our men. We then proceeded to Bloemfontein where Sergeant Craig had continued to look after the Canadians after Colonel Ryerson's departure. He reported all well and everything going satisfactorily. We found out what he required and arranged to have it sent up. At Kronstadt we could find none of our men at that time, but Dr. Manning promised to look after any who turned up. At Wolverhook we found two of our men down with fever in a little tin building near the station. We did what we could for them—giving them some money and whatever comforts we had with us. At Johannesburg we found a large number of our men, and as Captain Greenwood was stationed here in connection with the Imperial Military Railway, I asked him if he would be kind enough to look after the Johannesburg work, which he consented to do, and did until the end, with great benefit, I am sure, to the men. I arranged to send him up all that was required and Private Auger to assist him, he being familiar with the work. We then proceeded to Pretoria where we also found a number of men. Here I found Chaplain Cox who was likely to remain in Pretoria for some time and was kind enough to assume the work there. I left him well supplied with money and agreed to send him up whatever supplies he required.

On my return to the Cape I at once set to work to make up the boxes necessary to supply these different points along the line, and as soon as they were ready I was given permission to load a truck and send it through. Private Auger accompanied it and left of the boxes at the different points as he went along. Sergeant Morrison then took over the work at Cape Town which Private Auger had been doing and continued as hospital orderly until leaving the Cape in January, 1901. He proved himself most useful.

I kept, as far as possible, in touch with the principal medical officers of all the hospitals both in Cape Colony, Natal and the two Republics; they letting me know, from time to time, when Canadians were patients in their institutions, and I either sent them money or supplies as required. These were always appreciated and the feeling between your society and the hospital authorities in South Africa, has always been of the best.

Should Great Britain be at War again I would not be surprised if the British Red Cross Society were asked to follow your example and place its work in the hands of officers rather than civilians.

I also kept in touch, as far as possible, with the officers commanding the different Canadian contingents in South Africa offering to send them what they required, and most of them sent requests which were at once complied with.

When taking over the work I appointed a storeman to take charge of the store so that it would always be

open and the things well looked after. He made up parcels, and for this work received a shilling a day. I also appointed an accountant to keep the accounts as I had so much work to do I could not possibly undertake this.

The orderlies I have explained about. Private Auger was left by Colonel Ryerson and continued. Sergeant Morrison was taken on by me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. LYONS BIGGAR, LIEUT.-COLONEL,

Assistant Commissioner.

Appendix E.

Report of Mr. John T. Small respecting the Sick and Wounded Canadians in England during the Summer of 1900.

As I was about leaving for England in the early part of July, 1900, the Council, by resolution, requested me to do what I could on behalf of the sick and wounded Canadian soldiers who were then beginning to arrive in England from South Africa. At the same time the sum of \$500 was handed to me to be used for their benefit.

I arrived in England on the 18th July and reported from time to time while there to Lieut.-Colonel Mason, Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee in Toronto, and shall now merely give a brief resumé of what transpired.

There were a large number of convalescents at two Soldiers' Homes in London, where they had to pay for their board and lodging as they were out on furlough at their own desire. Owing to some of them having unwisely spent all their money they were not able to pay their board and lodging, and some exaggerated accounts of their condition got into the newspapers. With the assistance of Lord Strathcona, the Canadian Commissioner, and Mr. J. G. Colmer, the Assistant Commissioner, arrangements were made by which the men in London received a small per diem allowance. While these arrangements were pending I paid out of the \$500 above mentioned the board and lodging of some of the men who unable to do so. They were thus able to make themselves comparatively comfortable until they were embarked for Canada.

Through the kind assistance of Lord Lansdowne, then Secretary of State for War, I ascertained where the several men then in hospital were distributed, and then personally visited all who were in hospital. These were distributed among the hospitals of Netley, near Southampton, Shorncliffe, near Folkstone, and Woolwich. I found that they were all exceedingly well looked after and as happy and comfortable as their state of health would permit. Her late Majesty (Queen Victoria) had recently paid

a personal visit to those at Netley. They all expressed their great appreciation of Her Majesty's kind and gracious thoughtfulness. While they were in hospital nothing was asked for by any of the men except tobacco, pipes, cigarettes, etc., and these I procured and sent to them at once.

Through the courtesy of the Principal Medical Officers of all these hospitals I was enabled to leave, on behalf of the Society, the sum of a sovereign for each of the men, to be given to them on their discharge; which was recommended by the officers in charge as the best method of assisting them pecuniarily.

The sick Canadians were glad to see a fellow countryman, and much appreciated the readiness of the Society to do for them all that was needed, Of the \$500 handed to me I have already sent in my account to the President.

Many kind friends of Canada in England did everything that was possible for these sick and wounded Canadian soldiers who had been invalided to England. Lord Kinnoul placed Dupplin Castle, in Perthshire, at our disposal for the use of the convalescents, and Mrs. Longstaffe was kind enough to do the same with respect to her house at Morthoe, near Ilfracombe, North Devon.

For the convalescents on furlough in London much was also done. Mr. Claud Cayley, an old Upper Canada College boy, now residing in London, gave those who were well enough to go, a splendid banquet in the Gordon Salon of the Holborn Restaurant. The occasion was a delightful one for the men; speeches, including a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cayley, and songs in English and French, wound up the evening.

Mrs. Norton (formerly Miss Bickford, of Toronto) was most kind in visiting the Soldiers' Homes and in providing entertainment for the men.

To all these kind friends of our Canadian soldiers the Council has very properly passed a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN T. SMALL.

*To the President, Council, and Members of
The Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society.*

Appendix D.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

From October 19th, 1899, to August 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS

Cash received as per Subscription Book	\$35,429 48	
“ “ from sale of Badges	1,688 13	
“ “ Discounts	6 40	
		\$37,124 01

DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner—		
Draft £ 500	2,445 76	
“ “ 20	100 00	
“ “ 1,000	4,891 77	
“ “ 60	294 00	
“ “ 5	24 34	
“ “ 1,000	4,977 54	
		12,733 41
British Red Cross Society—		
Draft £ 50	243 88	
“ “ 50	243 88	
“ “ 50	243 88	
“ “ 50	244 16	
“ “ 50	245 00	
“ “ 500	2,433 33	
“ “ 350	1,703 33	
“ “ 65 10s. 8d.	270 26	
		5,627 72
Col. Otter, for his command—		
Draft £ 100	484 44	
“ “ 100	484 44	
		968 88
		\$21,330 01

	Brought forward,	\$26,321 98
Badges		1,160 71
Cablegrams		260 92
Express		61 00
Printing		380 00
Travelling Expenses		81 00
Office Expenses		429 49
Balance on hand		10,428 91
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		\$37,124 01

Audited and found correct.
 CLARKSON & CROSS, *Auditors.*

J. GEORGE HODGINS, LL.D.,
Hon. Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

SHOWING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM AUGUST 31ST, 1900, TO APRIL 30TH, 1902, INCLUSIVE

RECEIPTS

Balance in hand, August 31st, 1900, as per audited statement.....	\$10,428 91
Subscriptions.....	1,058 31
Sales of Badges.....	213 56
Interest, Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	76 55
	\$11,772 33

DISBURSEMENTS

Trustees, transferred by order of Council.....	\$7,400 00
Lieut.-Colonel Biggar, Assistant Commissioner.....	\$1,478 17
	99 ² 30
	48 66
	59 80
	27 09
	2,606 02
Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson, Honorarium.....	\$500 00
Travelling Expenses.....	30 00
Office Expenses.....	14 35
	544 35
Lieut.-Colonel Evans, for his command.....	501 25
Printing and Engraving.....	111 45
Cable Messages.....	17 22
Office Furniture.....	55 82
Office Expenses, clerical work, etc.....	171 31
Cash in hand.....	364 91
	\$11,772 33

Toronto, April 30th, 1902.

J. GEORGE HODGINS, LL.D.,
Hon.-Treasurer.

NOTE.—The above Supplemental Statement brings up the Financial Report of the Society to date April 30th, 1902. It will be noticed that there has been placed to the credit of the Trustees the sum of \$7,400, while the balance in the hands of the Honorary Treasurer is \$364.91. The balance returned by Mr. John T. Small, \$239.61, was, by resolution of the Council, passed directly into the hands of the Trustees, making the total amount placed in their hands \$7,639.33.—C.A.H.

*COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT

CASH STATEMENT

1900.		RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb.	9.	Letters of Credit from Council.....		500	0	0			
March	29.	Cabled by Council.....		1,000	0	0			
May	1.	" " from Quebec Branch.....		60	0	0			
June	13.	" " " Council.....		1,000	0	0			
July	3.	" " " ".....		100	0	0			
June	25.	Draft Ionic Lodge (Capt. Barker).....		5	0	0			
"	23.	Draft, Montreal School Children.....		17	18	0			
July	3.	Refund B. R. C. S.....		27	7	6			
	2.	Messrs. Nesbitt, public stamps.....		2	10	0			
May	7.	Refund British Red Cross Society, Letter Sir J. Furley.....		2	13	3			
		" " " ".....		30	5	0			
				<hr/>			2,745 13 9		

DISBURSEMENTS

Donations in money.....	1,983	7	2
Hospital supplies.....	501	6	9
Cables.....	45	15	0
Petty Cash.....	62	5	10
Sundries.....	22	1	0
Travelling.....	63	3	5
Balance.....	67	14	7
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	2,745 13 9		

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS

DONATIONS IN MONEY

1900.				£	s.	d.
Feb.	19.	Capetown	Sir John Furley, contribution British Red Cross Society	100	0	0
Apr.	16.	"	" " purchase of eggs, Bloemfontein....	100	0	0
May	10.	"	" " " " " ".....	100	0	0
July	4.	"	" " contributions British Red Cross Society	500	0	0
Mar.	17.	Kimberley	Nurses Hurcombe, Horne, Richardson, Macdonald	40	0	0
June	27.	Bloemfontein	" Richardson and Horne.....	10	5	0
Mar.	3.	Kimberley	Lord Methuen, for sick in hospital.....	50	0	0

Carried forward £900 5 0

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				Brought forward	£900	5	0
April	10.	Bloemfontein.	F. De Salis, comforts for hospital	5	0	0
	19.	"	Convalescent officer	.....	5	0	0
	30.	"	Sergt. C. Craig, for petty cash to men in hospital..	.....	8	19	3
May	14.	"	"	"	8	5	0
June	20.	"	"	"	10	0	0
	26.	"	"	"	13	5	0
	27.	"	"	"	5	0	0
May	22.	Capetown.	Major Macdougall, Asst. Comm., for sick men	.....	10	0	0
June	3.	Bloemfontein.	Lieut.-Col. Biggar, Assistant Commissioner	.....	20	0	0
	7.	Capetown.	"	"	25	0	0
July	4.	"	"	"	872	12	11
		"	Lady Roberts, for hospital supplies, etc.	.....	100	0	0

1,983 7 2

EXPENDITURE FOR HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

March	8.	Kimberley	Hazel & Ballen, Canvas and blankets	.....	42	0	0
	10.	"	"	Canvas for camp beds	20	0	0
	13.	"	"	Sheeting	5	10	0
	12.	"	Store Bros.	Shirts	4	6	3
	8.	"	Ruffel,	Bedpans, etc.	3	3	0
	9.	"	"	Sponges, etc.	7	6	
	13.	"	"	Medical supplies	5	4	3
	5.	"	J. Orr,	Sheeting	9	9	0
	16.	"	"	Flannel shirts, etc.	4	10	0
	19.	"	De Beers & Co.,	Bedsteads	85	2	9
April	2.	"	Champion,	Hospital requisites	60	0	0
	4.	"	Lamon,	"	4	16	0
	4.	Bloemfontein	Champion,	"	10	11	6
	6.	"	"	"	7	4	0
	6.	"	"	"	7	13	6
	12.	"	"	"	18	13	6
May	2.	"	"	"	10	0	0
	10.	"	"	Blankets	60	12	0
June	25.	"	"	"	2	14	7
April	6.	"	Parker, Hospital requisites	.....	3	3	0
	7.	"	"	"	2	2	0
	9.	"	"	"	1	18	0
	10.	"	"	"	3	11	9

Carried forward £372 11 7 1,983 7 2

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			Brought forward	37 ²	11	7	1983	7	2
April	20.	Bloemfontein.	Parker, Hospital requisites	7	0	0			
May	12.	"	" " "		16	8			
	11.	"	" " "		9	9			
April	6.	"	Tritchart, Hospital requisites	7	2	9			
	21.	"	" " "	33	1	0			
	24.	"	" " "	5	0	0			
	25.	"	" " "	31	7	0			
May	12.	"	" " " Linen for Hospitals	39	16	0			
	7.	"	Free State Hotel, for a sick officer.....	2	0	0			
	26.	Kroonstadt.	Hospital requisites	2	1	0			
							501	6	9
CABLE MESSAGES							45	15	0

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

Kimberley,	Tobacco and supplies as per statement	14	14	0		
"	Cart to Paardeberg	10	0	0		
Capetown,	Cash to convalescent soldiers, Capetown.....	4	10	0		
Orange River,	" " "	4	10	0		
Bloemfontein,	Cash to sick	1	0	0		
"	Cash to convalescent officer (Ionic Lodge).....	5	0	0		
"	Purchase walking sticks, for convalescents.....	1	10	0		
"	" " "		10	0		
"	Purchase handkerchiefs	1	0	0		
"	Bank charges, Capetown	2	10	4		
"	Cash to convalescents	6	5	0		
Kroonstadt,	Lady Maud Rolleston, for benefit of sick Canadians at Kroonstadt	2	10	0		
Orange River,	Comforts, as per Statement.....	5	18	6		
Bloemfontein,	Cash payment as per Craig voucher	2	8	0		
				62	5	10
SUNDRIES				22	1	0
TRAVELLING EXPENSES (SUBMITTED).....				63	3	5
				2,677	19	2

*ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT

1900	RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 4.	Cheque Standard Bank per Lieut.-Col. Ryerson.....	872 12 11	
Oct. 13.	Cable Canadian Red Cross.....	300 0 0	
Nov. 17.	Goods supplied through Red Cross.....	17 1 6	
“ 17.	Major Macdougall unexpended Balance.....	1 10 0	
Dec. 18.	Cable Canadian Red Cross.....	200 0 0	
“ 18.	From Y.M.C.A.....	25 0 0	
“ 18.	Received from Lieut.-Col. Drury.....	10 0 0	
“ 18.	“ “ Lieut.-Col. Evans.....	10 0 0	
“ 18.	“ “ Chaplain Cox unexpended.....	1 19 6	
1901			
Jan. 16.	Donations through Capt. Courtney.....	6 0 0*	
“ 16.	Miss Cloete unexpended Balance.....	2 16 0	
“ 16.	Repayment on goods supplied.....	1 6 0	
	Balance.....	19 8 4	1467 14 3

DISBURSEMENTS

AS PER DETAILED STATEMENTS SUBMITTED.

†Donations to Officers of Canadian forces statement.....	66 5 6
† “ Chaplain Cox, agent, Pretoria.....	110 0 0
† “ Captain Greenwood, agent, Johannesburg.....	48 5 9
† “ Sergt. Morrison, R. C. Orderly, Capetown.....	77 0 0
† “ Sergt. Auger, “ “.....	16 3 0
† “ Miss Vera Cloete, agent, Rondebosch.....	10 0 0
† “ Chaplain Almond, travelling agent.....	28 10 0
Cables to Council.....	3 17 6
Pay to Sergt. Mills.....	8 11 6
“ Storeman Walker.....	3 1 0
Board Red Cross Orderly.....	17 5 6
Pay Red Cross Orderly, Sergt. Morrison.....	21 12 6
“ “ Sergt. Auger.....	13 9 6
“ Accountant Sergt. Carter.....	2 2 0
Comforts to Invalids.....	91 14 5
Sundry Office and Travelling Expenses, &c.....	38 7 3

Carried forward, £547 15 5

*Appendix to Report.

†These donations were distributed by the several officers, etc., to the sick and wounded men and severally accounted for.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	547	15	5			
Tradesmen's Accounts for Supplies.....	437	8	0			
*Donations to 749 N.C.O. and Men, Invalids.....	357	4	0			
* " Capt. Dixon, agent Cape Town.....	10	0	0			
* " Sergt. Craig, agent Bloemfontein.....	20	0	0			
* " Sergt. Mills, Cape Town.....	4	10	0			
* " Field Force Fund, Cape Town.....	50	0	0			
* " Chaplain Sinnett.....	7	8	0			
* " Lieut.-Col. Grier, R.A.M.C., Orange River.....	5	0	0			
* " P.M.O. Deelfontein.....	5	0	0			
* " A. E. Cuydee.....	5	0	0			
* " Nurse Horne.....	5	0	0			
Overdraft Lieut.-Col. Ryerson Standard Bank.....	5	2	0			
Pay Acting Accountant Sergt. Brock.....	2	0	0			
" Storeman F. S. Morrison.....	1	10	0			
" " J. J. Henderson.....	1	7	0			
				<hr/>	1466	14 5
E. and O. E.....						19 10
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*These donations were distributed by the several officers, etc., to the sick and wounded men and severally accounted for.

MR. JOHN T. SMALL'S ACCOUNT

With respect to sick and wounded in England of Canadian contingent.

1900.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
July	Cash received \$500.00	102	14	9				
2.	Paid Private, at Soldiers' Home, London.....		1	0	0			
	" E. Taylor, "		1	0	0			
	" V. W. Odum, "		1	0	0			
	Cabs to visit homes to-day			3	0			
	" Cable to Lieut.-Colonel Mason		1	12	0			
26.	" To nine men at Herbert Hospital, Woolwich		9	0	0			
	" Expense to Woolwich, railway 2s. 6d., cabs 4s. 6d.....			7	0			
	" Cab fares to and from both Soldiers' Homes in London.....			4	0			
25.	" Visit to Netley, railway fares		1	5	10			
	" " paid men, see receipt of Col. Charlton.....			7	0	0		
	" Expenses to and at Netley, cabs, etc.			3	0			
	" " Orderlies			3	0			
30.	" Tobacco and cigarettes, Woolwich		1	2	6			
	" " Netley		1	14	0			
30.	" " Devonport		1	10	2			
Aug. 1.	" Odum, per J. Scott		1	0	0			
	" Stenographer.....			8	8			
	" Carriage fares Folkeston to Thorncliffe and at Folkeston....			7	0			
3.	" Soldiers' Home, 155 Buckingham Palace Road, for keep of six men for one week.....			4	4	0		
4.	" Rev. J. P. Evans, chaplain at Thorncliffe.....		20	0	0			
	" For cheque book (stamped).....			2	6			
	Balance		49	8	1			
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			102	14	9	102	14	9
To balance on hand, \$239.61			49	8	1			

21st Nov. 1901.

(Signed) JNO. T. SMALL.

Audited and found correct,
(Vouchers, where practicable, produced.)

Toronto, Nov. 21st, 1901.

J. MASON, Lt.-Col.

TRUST FUND

DEPOSITED IN DOMINION BANK AT CREDIT OF THE THREE TRUSTEES

COLONEL, THE HON. J. M. GIBSON, A.D.C. COLONEL GEO. A. SWENÉY. LIEUT.-COL. JAMES MASON.

1901			
January	5.	Received from Hon.-Treas.	\$7,400 00
December	31.	Interest	219 00
1902			
April	29.	Balance Mr. Small's account	239 61
		Balance on hand	\$7,858 61

EPITOME OF THE SOCIETY'S WORK BY THE HON.-SECRETARY

After a careful review of the letters and reports in the possession of the Society, I have computed the value of contributions in kind received by the Central Council and the several Local Branches, as well as those forwarded by municipalities and private citizens to South Africa through Red Cross channels, to be \$23,552.75; while the total cash receipts of Council and Branches were \$58,826.64, making the total cash value of the Society's work \$82,379.39.

CHAS. A. HODGETTS, M.D., Capt. A.M.S.,

Toronto, April 30th, 1902.

Hon.-Secretary.

LIST OF LOCAL BRANCHES IN CANADA

ALLISTON, ONT.	EDMONTON, ALTA.	PORT ELGIN, ONT.
ANDOVER, N.B.	FREDERICTON, N.B.	QUEBEC, QUE.
AURORA, ONT.	GALT, ONT.	RAT PORTAGE, ONT.
BARRIE, ONT.	GUELPH, ONT.	ROTHSAY, N.B.
BELLEVILLE, ONT.	HAMILTON, ONT.	ST. CATHARINES, ONT.
BERLIN, ONT.	HAMIOTA, MAN.	ST. JOHN, N.B.
BRADFORD, ONT.	INGERSOLL, ONT.	ST. STEPHEN, N.B.
BRAMPTON, ONT.	KINGSTON, ONT.	ST. THOMAS, ONT.
BRANDON, MAN.	KINCARDINE, ONT.	SACKVILLE, N.B.
BRANTFORD, ONT.	LONDON, ONT.	SUSSEX, N.B.
BRIGHTON, ONT.	LAKEFIELD, ONT.	TILSONBURG, ONT.
BROCKVILLE, ONT.	MONTREAL, QUE.	TORONTO, ONT.
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.	MONCTON, N.B.	VANCOUVER, B.C.
CHATHAM, ONT.	NAPANEE, ONT.	VICTORIA, B.C.
COBOURG, ONT.	NEW GLASGOW, N.S.	WATERLOO, ONT.
COLLINGWOOD, ONT.	NEWMARKET, ONT.	WHITBY, ONT.
COOKSTOWN, ONT.	ORILLIA, ONT.	WINNIPEG, MAN.
DORCHESTER, N.B.	OTTAWA, ONT.	

REPORT OF LOCAL BRANCHES

(Arranged in Alphabetical Order)

ALLISTON BRANCH — (ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. Presidents.....	Dr. J. S. W. McCullough, Mayor; Dr. T. M. Armstrong, Dr. J. J. Harper.
President.....	Mrs. T. M. Brown.
Vice-Presidents.....	Mrs. W. C. Carroll, Mrs. Edwards.
Treasurer.....	Miss Lillian Wright.
Secretary.....	Mrs. J. S. W. McCullough.
Executive Committee.....	Mrs. H. W. Wright, Mrs. Jas. Morris, Miss Armstrong, Miss Devine, Miss Bennett.

The total cash receipts of the branch amounted to \$30.72 with sundry contributions of material, which, together with material purchased, was forwarded to South Africa. Remitted to Hon. Treasurer, \$24.82.

ANDOVER BRANCH—(N.B.)

President..... Miss Bessie Scott

The members of the Branch sent their contributions of material to the St. John Branch for distribution in South Africa by the Commissioner.

AURORA BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. F. T. Daville.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. W. Winter.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. T. J. Hartman.
Secretary.....	Mrs. T. H. Lennox.

Material of the value of \$4.28 was forwarded to the Commissioner, and the cash collected and remitted the Hon. Treasurer amounted to \$91.00.

BARRIE BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. Pepler.
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. R. A. Thomas.
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Cameron.
Committee.....	Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Botterill, Mrs. Shanacy.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mr. Redditt.
Assistant Secretary.....	Miss Spry.

The ladies sent contributions of material, etc., through the Toronto Branch, and \$115.00, the proceeds of two entertainments.

BELLEVILLE BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Dr. C. S. Elliott.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Wm. Abbott.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. C. J. Bowell.
Secretary.....	Miss Falkiner.
Committee.....	Mrs. A. E. McColl, Mrs. Curtis Bogart, Mrs. J. Lyon Biggar, Miss Herbert, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Matheson, Miss Mahon.

A large quantity of comforts were sent to South Africa. Cash received amounted to \$338.83.

BERLIN BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. Presidents.....	Mrs. J. E. Seagram, Mrs. C. Breithaupt, Mrs. W. R. Bowlby.
President.....	Mrs. G. A. C. Lang.
Vice-Presidents.....	Mrs. D. S. Bowlby, Mrs. Geo. Rumpel, Mrs. Hugo Kranz.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. D. L. Jameson.
Secretary.....	Mrs. C. Everett Hoffman.

The citizens of Berlin raised the large sum of \$1,518.61 before the branch was formed, contributions being received from all sources, including the school children. The ladies of the branch sent a further sum of \$87.50 to the Hon. Treasurer.

BRADFORD BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. Tyrwhitt
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. Brown
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Morley
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Miss Vida E. Broughton

The contribution from the branch was raised by the sale of badges and amounted to \$25.40.

BRAMPTON BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. W. H. McFadden.
Vice-Presidents.....	W. E. Milner, Esq., J. W. Main, Esq., Dr. Moore, J. Galbraith, Esq.
Treasurer.....	Miss Walsh.
Hon. Secretary.....	W. W. Woods, Esq.
Committee.....	Mesdames Holden, Stork, Ward, Gillies, Deeves, Campbell, Smith, Young, Francis, Graham, Jones, Noble. Miss Robinson. Revs. McWalsh, Webb, Manning, Clark, Bishop. Messrs. Stork, Fenton, Manning, Graham, Chisholm, McFadden, Walsh, Roberts.
Hon. Members.....	Drs. Moore, Mullin, Heggie, Hall, Noble, D. L. Heggie, Lawson.

The Treasurer in her Reports states that "There was considerable money subscribed and forwarded to the Toronto Ladies' Branch before this Branch was formed. After formation the ladies collected \$146.53 with which they purchased material, underwear and hospital supplies and forwarded them through the usual channel."

BRANDON BRANCH—(MANITOBA)

OFFICERS

Hon. President.....	Mrs. D. McEwen
President.....	Mrs. T. D. Cumberland
Hon. Treasurer.....	Mrs. E. L. Christie
Hon. Secretary.....	Mrs. F. J. Clark

With a Council of fifteen members with power to add to their number.

Collected and remitted to the Hon. Treasurer, \$156.00.

The Report of the Branch adds: "We trust that the small amount we have been able to collect has assisted a little in the good work of the Society and we fervently hope and pray that the war in South Africa may soon be brought to a close and that under the wise and good government of Great Britain that justice and right will be given to all classes."

BRANTFORD BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS.

President.....Mrs. F. Cockshutt
 Treasurer.....Mrs. N. C. Hutchinson
 Secretary.....Miss Frances T. Mackenzie

Before the Branch was established the ladies of Brantford sent two bales of material for the use of the First Contingent after organization. The financial Statement is as follows :

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
To Membership fees \$ 27 40	By Stationery and Postage...\$ 1 10
" Special Contributions.... 421 80	" Badges 60 10
" Envelope Collections... 765 55	" Am't remitted Hon.-Treas. 1182 00
" Sale of Badges..... 30 90	" Balance on hand 2 45
\$1245 65	\$1245 65

BRIGHTON BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS

President.....
 Vice-President.....Mrs. J. C. Wilson
 Treasurer.....Mrs. S. B. Gearing
 Secretary.....Mrs. R. Hewitt

The amount raised by the Branch and remitted Hon. Treasurer was \$50.00.

BROCKVILLE BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. F. B. Cossitt
 Vice-Presidents.....Mrs. F. Bedford Jones, Mrs. Beamish, Mrs. Laird,
 Mrs. Clendenning, Mrs. O. G. Dobbs, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Ryckman, Mrs. Sycomore.
 Treasurer.....Miss Hattie Fraser
 Secretary.....Miss Edith Smellie

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
To Cash from all sources. . . . \$48 92	By Sundry Expenses 27
	" Am't remitted Hon. Treas.. 48 65
\$48 92	\$48 92

Donations in kind of the total value of \$168.00 were in addition collected and forwarded by the ladies to South Africa. They consisted largely of flannel underwear, wool socks and surgical supplies.

CHARLOTTETOWN BRANCH—(P.E.I.).

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. C. C. Gardiner.
Treasurer	Mrs. John Richards.
Secretary	Mrs. L. B. McCready.
Secretary (Queen's County).....	Mrs. G. A. Sharp.

The branch collected and forwarded five boxes of supplies of the total value of \$567.63, also sent direct to Lieut.-Colonel Ryerson just as he sailed for South Africa \$100.00. The total cash value from all sources was \$1,413.93.

CHATHAM BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. F. E. Thomas.
Vice-President	Mrs. S. Gardinier.
Treasurer	Mrs. Geo. Heyward.
Secretary.....	Mrs. R. V. Bray.

The cash received and forwarded to Hon. Treasurer amounted to \$11.80.

COBOURG BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President.....	Col. Darcy Boulton.
Hon. Vice-President	Major Macnachlan.
President	Mayor E. C. S. Huycke.
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Hector Cameron.
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. C. C. Field.
3rd Vice-President.....	Mrs. H. F. Macnachlan.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Miss M. Frances W. Eyre.
Executive Committee	Mesdames Spraggue, Hayden, McNicholl and Wilson. Misses Roddick, Field and Squires. Doctors Waters, McNichol, Jory, Douglass, Elliott and Ferris.

RECEIPTS.

To Town Council.....	\$25 00
" Private Subscriptions.....	4 16
" Sale Badges.....	19 20

\$48 36

DISBURSEMENTS

By Material Purchased	\$28 16
" Freight.....	60
" Hon. Treasurer.....	19 20
Balance on hand.....	40

\$48 36

The ladies purchased material as shown above, and made comforts for the soldiers, which were shipped from Toronto, and \$122.00 was forwarded as the proceeds of a patriotic concert.

COLLINGWOOD BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President.....	Mrs. Chamberlain.
President.....	Mrs. Geo. Moberley.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. N. G. Campbell.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. Williams.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Donald Knight.
Council.....	Mayor Chamberlain, Mesdames Lett, Moberley, Bernard, Word, Stephens, McCrae, Pearson, Anderson, Burnie.

The total receipts of the branch were \$100.65 of which \$32.18 was used in the purchase of material to be made into garments. The total amount remitted the Hon. Treas. was \$68.07. The branch forwarded supplies of the total value of \$100.65.

COOKSTOWN BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President.....	Mrs. John Fisher.
Hon. Vice-President.....	Mrs. G. Duff.
President.....	Mrs. L. Cooke.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Nichol.
Hon. Treasurer.....	Mrs. A. Kidd.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. A. E. Elliott
Hon. Secretary.....	Miss Nichol
Secretary.....	Mrs. W. J. Phillips.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To cash from all sources.....\$49 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Supplies.....\$34 09
 " Postage, etc..... 2 60
 " Hon. Treasurer..... 12 50

\$49 19

The total value of Material and comforts forwarded through Toronto Branch was \$38.94

DORCHESTER BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. C. L. Hannington
Vice-Presidents.....Mrs. H. R. Emmerson, Mrs. John F. Lud,
Mrs. P. A. Landry, Mrs. J. Roy Campbell,
Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. J. B.
Forster, Miss Backhouse, Mrs. H. W.
Palmer, Lady Smith
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. J. A. McQueen

In addition to the material forwarded through the St. John Branch there was remitted to the Hon. Treasurer the sum of \$22.36.

EDMONTON BRANCH—(N.W.T.)

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. H. C. Wilson
Secretary.....Miss Macdonald
Treasurer.....Rev. H. A. Gray
Committee.....Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Cowie,
Mrs. Emery, Miss Alanson

The branch raised in all \$363.95.

FREDERICTON BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. A. D. F. Randolph
Treasurer.....Mrs. E. P. Thompson
Cor. Secretary.....Mrs. John Black
Recording Secretary.....Miss Helen Randolph

The cash receipts of the Branch were \$82.00 and contributions were of the value of \$39.50. The boxes sent with the First Contingent were valued at \$82.46 and one box was sent with the Second Contingent valued at \$15.55. The balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$23.49, was remitted to the Hon. Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
To Cash bal. on hand 1st contingent acc. . \$ 49 95	By Material purchased \$ 49 08
" Contributions 101 62	" Hon. Treasurer 750 00
" Proceeds, Concerts, etc. 489 86	" Express charges, etc. 2 80
" Canadian Order Chosen Friends 100 00	" Cash in hand 11 62
" Sale badges 68 20	
" Miscellaneous receipts 3 87	
<u>\$813 50</u>	<u>\$813 50</u>

The citizens of Hamilton forwarded a large supply of clothing and comforts for the first contingent, the value being over \$800.00.

HAMIOTA BRANCH—(MANITOBA)

OFFICERS.

President Mrs. Latimer
 Treasurer Mrs. Nairn
 Secretary Mrs. Tennyson

INGERSOLL BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President Mayor Miller.
 President Mrs. Hoyt.
 Treasurer Mrs. Macauley.
 Secretary Miss Edith Grant.

The amount raised by subscriptions and sale of badges was \$85.60, which was forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer. In addition two of the churches and several individuals sent boxes to the first contingent.

KINCARDINE BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Patron.....	Mayor McKendrick.
President.....	Mrs. Boyer.
Vice-President.....	Miss Bateman.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Telfer.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Stewart.
Committee.....	Mesdames Sellary, Dack, Clark, Rapley, Allan and Collins; Miss Malcolm and Revs. Murray, Rigsby, Myles and Telfer.

The subscriptions raised amounted to \$61.35 and \$21.60 was raised for sale of badges. The total \$82.95 being forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer.

KINGSTON BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President.....	E. M. Smythe, Esq., K.C.
President.....	Mrs. Martin.
Hon. Treasurer.....	Miss Nichol.
Hon. Secretary.....	Miss Etta Macpherson.
Committee.....	Mesdames Minnes, Oberndoffer, Robinson, Strange and Ward; Miss Smythe, Mayor Minnes, Ald. Knapp, F. J. Rigby.

The branch sent out comforts and supplies in May, 1900, to the value of \$231.20, besides thirty-eight parcels to officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

LAKEFIELD BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President.....	Rev. Geo. Warren.
President.....	Mrs. Sherrin.
Vice-President.....	Miss McEwen.
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mrs. LeFevre.
Committee.....	Mesdames Tate, Madill, Watson, Grieve, Tanner and Miss Strickland.

The branch collected \$72.92 and disbursed \$69.31 in purchasing material. The balance, \$3.61, was forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer. In addition to the above \$50.00 was collected before the ladies organized as a branch. The value of the four bales of material was \$105.48.

LONDON BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

1st Hon. President.....	Mayor Rumball.
2nd Hon. President.....	Mrs. Geo. Robinson.
President.....	Mrs. Boomer.
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. H. Marshall.
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ingram
3rd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Bapty.
4th Vice-President.....	Mrs. Collard.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Yarker.
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. J. E. Wells.
Treasurer.....	Miss Shaw Wood.
Executive.....	Mesdames Sage, Carrie, Chisholm, McCallum, Morphy, Ross, Bullen, Eckert, Wishart, Dewar, Darch, J. G. McIntosh, Mair, O'Meara, O'Neil, O'Flaherty, J. McLaughlin, Hill, Holmes, Hellmuth, Mangault, A. Smith, Davis, Robb, Southcott, Heal, Buchan, Thurston, Vanstone, Laing D. Mills, Sutherland, Lawrie, Barker, Whitehead, White, Moore, Callis, Reed, Ingomoll, Labatt, Beck, Hunt, Gibbons, McFee, Becher, Dann, E. B. Smith, J. W. Reid, R. Puddicombe, Craddock, B. A. Mitchell, C. T. Moore, Collard, Smallman, Bapty, Fortell, Beal, Gartshore, Johnstone, Phelps, Frith, Fitzgerald, Spencer, McTaggart, Skinner, Misses Shaw, Wood, Christie, McDermid, Penny, White, Moore, Elliott, Fraser, Dillon and Loughheed.

The first shipment to South Africa was per S. S. Milwaukee, consisting chiefly of hospital supplies, clothing, and condensed food of the value of \$500.00. The second was per S. S. Monterey, being similar in character but valued at \$950.00. The last sent per the Toronto Branch and was valued at \$107.00, giving a grand total of \$1,557.70 in material alone.

The cash contributions were \$1,500.00, and \$82.48 for badges, the total being \$1,582.48 which was received by the Hon. Treas.

MONCTON BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. C. P. Harris.
".....	Mrs. A. E. Chapman.
Sec.-Treas.....	Mrs. Leverett Somers.

The receipts from all sources were \$173.40, of which 69 cents was forwarded the Hon. Treas., the remainder \$172.71 being used locally for the purchase of material which was made up by the ladies. The value of the two boxes shipped was \$353.25.

MONTREAL BRANCH—(QUEBEC)

OFFICERS

Patron Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.
 President Lieut.-Col. Henshaw.

Vice-Presidents :

His Worship the Mayor of Montreal.
 Sir Melbourne Tait, Lady Tait, Mrs. Geo. Drummond, Mrs. Yates,
 Dr. R. Craik, Lady Hickson, Mme. Thibaudeau, Miss Roddick.
 Dr. A. P. Lachapelle, Lady Hingston, Mrs. Peterson,

The Council :

Bishop Bond, Principal Peterson, Rev. Dr. Barclay, Lt.-Col. Whitehead,
 R. Mackay, Jas. Ross, E. S. Clouston, A. Sinclair.

Executive Committee :

District Officer Commanding (Chairman)
 Committee of Soldiers Wives League,
 Conveners and Secretaries of 6 Standing Committees.
 Commanding Officers, Hon. Treas. Hon. Secy. Miss Bell. 6 Standing Committees.

During the winter of 1900, a number of ladies, called the Red Cross Committee, under the direction of Dr. Roddick, vice-president for the Province of Quebec, of the Red Cross Society, collected money, purchased materials, manufactured garments, and hospital supplies (bandages and surgical dressings being sterilized by the Royal Victoria Hospital) to be forwarded to Lieut.-Col. Ryerson in Africa. Contributions were also received from Richmond, Stanstead, South Durham, Laviner, Cooperville and Porter, P.Q., the total cash value being about \$4000.00.

On May the 2nd, 1900, the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was organized ; Dr. Roddick presiding,

On December the 6th, 1900, a second committee meeting was held, and it was moved by Dr. Roddick and seconded by Sir Wm. Hingston that Lieut.-Col. Henshaw be elected president.

Dr. Ryerson being present acknowledged the receipt of supplies sent from Montreal and Westmount and testified as to the good work done by the branch.

The supplies on hand when the notice to discontinue work was received, were sent to Dr. Grenfell's deep sea mission and any balance of funds is required for local management.

NOTE.—Subsequently a draft for \$135.65 was received with the request that it be forwarded to Lieut.-Colonel Steele, which request was complied with.—C.A.H.

NAPANEE BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

Hon. President Dr. Symington.
 President Mrs. Wilkinson.
 Vice-President Mrs. A McNeil.

The value of material sent by the branch was \$62.75. The *Orillia Packet* opened a subscription list and forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer a considerable sum.

OTTAWA BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

Executive Committee Lieut.-Colonel Neilson, Chairman; Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Egan, Madam Laverne, Lieut.-Colonel Irwin, Captain G. Elliot, Secretary; Dr. F. Montizambert, Treasurer.

The work of this branch extended over a greater portion of eastern Ontario. The total amount received, \$4,406.92, was remitted by the Hon. Treas. to the British Red Cross Society and duly acknowledged by him. Appended is Dr. Montizambert's audited statement.

A sub-committee, being a committee of the Local Council of Women, collected \$964.31 and a large supply of comforts for the men of the first contingent leaving the capital, also for the nurses. An appended statement by Mrs. Bronson, treasurer of the committee, indicates fully how well the ladies of the committee distributed the monies placed in their hands.

Madame President and Ladies of the Local Council:

On behalf of the Red Cross Committee appointed by your Council on Sat., Oct. 21st, to provide extra comforts for the Ottawa soldiers and the nurses going out to South Africa, I have the honor to report as follows:

At the first meeting of the committee held in the Normal School on Sat., Oct. 21st, Mrs. Drummond having been appointed convener, Mrs. E. H. Bronson, treasurer, and Mrs. Egan, secretary, of the Committee, several sub-committees were formed for the purpose of looking after and purchasing the necessary supplies of different kinds, viz.: medical supplies, extra foods, books and literature, and games and amusements for the men on board ship. Dr. Neilson having been interviewed by Lady Ritchie and Mrs. Irwin regarding medical supplies and extra foods, he said that it would be unnecessary to send any, as the government was sending everything requisite in that line. The purchasing committee got to work on Monday morning, and met to report to the Committee at 4 p.m. in Goldsmith's Hall in the afternoon of the same day. Thanks are due to Mr. Rosenthal for his kindness in placing Goldsmith's Hall at the disposal of the Committee for their meetings and the packing of goods.

By Tuesday at noon the five or six packing cases containing the purchases and donations were quite ready to be sent off by express. At the request of Lady Laurier, the Dominion Express Co. very kindly forwarded the boxes to Quebec, free of charge, so no expense in that way was incurred. The Committee have every reason to feel gratified that their efforts were so promptly and effectively aided by the voluntary subscriptions that came pouring in, no money was asked for except through the press, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for their kindness in printing notices free of charge, and in other ways. Subscriptions to the amount of \$964.31 have been received. Of this amount \$144.31 has been expended in purchasing comforts for the soldiers. The following is a list of the purchases made: 44 health bands,

5 doz. boxes meat tablets, 80 lbs. tobacco, 40 pipes, games, such as chessmen and boards, cards, checkers, etc., foils and masks, single sticks, boxing gloves, memo. books and pencils, and good maps of South Africa.

The Committee has to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: from Mrs. Walter Mackey, 70 soft felt hats, and 80 bandana handkerchiefs; Mrs. Drummond, acidulated drops; Mrs. Rosenthal, blue glasses; Miss Seymour, foils and masks; Bate & Co., 20 lbs. chocolate menier, 40 bottles vaseline, 40 bottles of Red Spruce Gum, 4 doz. tooth brushes, 4 doz. bottles of tooth paste; Mrs. Creighton, books and boxing gloves; Mr. McGillin, \$10.00 worth of goods; Miles Birkett, goods valued at \$2.54; books and magazines from following ladies: Mrs. C. Magee, Mrs. Geddes, Mrs. J. B. Fraser, the Misses Sparks, Mrs. (Major) Perley, and Mrs. Courtney. By the permission of the speaker 100 volumes of light literature were selected by the librarian for use of the men on board ship.

The balance of the money up to Friday 27th, was taken down to Quebec by Mrs. Drummond, and \$501.08 handed to Capt. Rogers for the soldiers, \$150.00 to the nurses. The amounts that have since been sent in (see treasurer's report) have been sent on through the Bank of Commerce to Capt. Rogers at Capetown. The manager of that bank has been most kind in sending the money free of charge, and otherwise facilitating matters financial.

With regard to the nurses, it should here be mentioned that Mrs. Drummond asked the help of the Red Cross Societies of Toronto and Montreal towards a special fund for them. Dr. Ryerson and Dr. Roddick most generously responded on behalf of their Societies, each sending at once \$200.00 for the nurses' fund. This amount, together with the \$150.00 sent from Ottawa, made the nice little sum of \$137.50 for each nurse, which Mrs. Drummond handed them in person before they left Quebec. Letters of thanks were received (from two of the nurses) by Mrs. Drummond.

On motion of Mrs. Scarth, seconded by Mrs. Sifton, the following Red Cross Committee of the Local Council of Women was formed: Mrs. Drummond, Rideau Cottage, convener, Mesdames Egan, Gordon, W. G. Perley, Irwin, Foster, Scarth, Gilmour, N. Bate, Rosenthal, Griffin, McGarvey, Herridge, W. Mackie, Hutton, M. Rogers, King, and the Misses Seymour, Gordon, F. Evans, and the sub-executive.

The following were appointed the financial committee: Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Bronson, Lady Laurier, Mrs. F. Macdougall, Mrs. M. Griffin, Mde. La Moth, with Mrs. E. H. Bronson, treasurer.

Statement of receipts and expenditure, on account of Volunteer Fund.

Receipts.....		\$ 964 31
Expenditure:		
Handed Capt. Rogers for use of men, per Mrs. Drummond, 21 ½ sovereigns.....	\$ 104 63	
Letter of credit, £81.....	396 45	
Drafts by post, Nov. 2nd, £17 + £17 11s. 1d..	168 92	
	<hr/>	\$ 670 00
Nurses, for outfit, etc.....		150 00
Maps of Transvaal		6 00
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	Carried forward, \$826 00	

	Brought forward, \$826 00
Memo. books and pencils.....	10 00
Games	10 90
Foils, masks and gloves.....	4 46
Knives.....	11 50
Pipes	5 00
Tobacco	60 00
Meat tablets.....	17 50
Health bands	17 45
Packing boxes, screws, etc.....	1 50
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\$964 31

November, 1899.

ELLA W. BRONSON, Treasurer,
Red Cross Committee.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Total received		\$4,463 65
Draft to London, £500.....	\$2,433 33	
“ “ £350.....	1,703 33	
“ “ £55 10s. 8d.....	270 26	
Rosenthal buttons	\$ 16 85	
Bristow, typewriting, etc.....	6 20	
Taylor & Clark, printing.....	13 00	
Rosenthal, buttons.....	8 00	
Miss Bennett, typewriting, etc.....	5 87	
Buttons, etc.....	5 03	
“	1 78	
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\$4,463 65

5th April, 1900.

Audited and found correct. A. L. JARVIS, Auditor.

F. MONTIZAMBERT, Treas.

PORT ELGIN BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. H. McLaren.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. Forrester.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Hutton.
Secretary.....	Miss G. Gray.
Assistant Secretary	Miss Hopper.
Committee.....	Misses Crowe, Cairns, McIntosh, Cameron, McKinnon, Reid, Clark, Bush.

Total amount of cash raised and forwarded Hon. Treasurer was \$81.95.

QUEBEC BRANCH—(QUEBEC)

OFFICERS

President	Dr. Sewell
1st Vice-President	Dr. Griff
2nd "	Mrs. Wilson
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. E. J. Hale
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. H. A. Sewell

The Quebec Branch of the Red Cross Society was inaugurated at a public meeting held in the Quebec Skating Rink on March 12th, 1900. After the election of officers and other business was transacted a committee of ladies was formed to arrange for working meetings, etc. Regular sewing meetings were held twice a week until the middle of May at which a large number of warm and useful articles of clothing, hospital necessaries, etc., were made. Eleven large bales were despatched at different dates during this time to our soldiers both at the front and also to the sick and wounded in the hospitals. These bales contained besides articles of clothing, including shirts, sweaters, under flannels, pyjamas, etc., a number of other useful articles, such as tobacco, cigars, pipes, foot powder, stationery, medicines, chocolates, compressed beef-tea, soap, brushes, tooth brushes, scent, games, newspapers, cards, chewing gum, bandages, towels, sheets, pillow-cases, bootlaces, insect powder, Bovril, rubber hot water bags, thread, needles, tape, etc., etc.

In April the sum of \$300 was cabled to Dr. Ryerson, the Canadian Red Cross Commissioner, to be used by him as most needed.

Another sum of \$500 was cabled in May to Dr. Ryerson to be forwarded by him for the relief of the sick and suffering in Mafeking. The latter was most kindly acknowledged by cable by Lord Roberts.

Having been instructed from Toronto that for the present there was no need for further supplies to be sent our work was discontinued but we are quite ready to take it up again when required.

HELEN A. SEWELL,

Hon. Secretary Q.B.R.C.S.

THE HON. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
Statement of Receipts and Payments.

1900		RECEIPTS	
March	21.	Cash Donations received from Individuals	\$996 00
Aug.	6.	Received from the Quebec Studio Club	80 00
"	6.	From Sale of Tickets, Badges, Pins, &c	26 35
April	17.	" Children's Bazaar	15 37
"	23.	" Bazaar held by Miss Henderson's Pupils	56 15

Carried forward, \$1,173 87

			Brought forward, \$1,173 87	
April	24.	From Ladies' Curling Club of Quebec.....	50 00	
May	5.	" American Ladies of St. Andrews Aid Society.....	50 00	
"	18.	" Tableaux.....	196 75	
June	4.	" Girls' High School, Quebec.....	86 50	
"	4.	" Children of St. Andrew's Church Mission Band.....	5 00	
"	14.	" Special Collection at St. Matthew's Church.....	48 32	
"	14.	" Proceeds of a Sale gotten up by Mrs. Parmelee's Children....	15 00	
				\$1625 44

MEMO.—This account does not include \$633.00 collected at the Patriotic Military Concert given in Quebec under the auspices of the Methodist Church and remitted by the Rev. Dr. Griffith to head office, Toronto, in March 1900.

	1900			
		DISBURSEMENTS		
May-Oct.		Paid at Sundry times for Material bought by the Ladies Committee..	\$449 50	
April	28.	" To Bank of British North America cost of £60 cabled to Dr. Ryerson.....	296 75	
May	14.	" Cost of Cable London to South Africa.....	9 00	
"	18.	" To Bank of British North America cost of £100 cabled to Dr. Ryerson.....	490 55	
June	1.	" Cost of Cable London to South Africa.....	15 43	
"	1.	" Mrs. Sewell, Hon. Secretary, and to the Hon. Treasurer at Sundry times for small expenses.....	20 03	
Oct.	12.	" Balance as per Bank Book.....	344 18	
				\$1625 44

E. & O. E.
 QUEBEC, October 16, 1900.

E. J. HALE,
Hon. Treasurer.

RAT PORTAGE BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. R. J. N. Pither.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. D. E. Cameron.
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. H. B. Towers.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. P. H. Clark.
Treasurer.....	Dr. Aylesworth.
Committee.....	Mesdames Gunne, Godwin, Earney, Robison, Chapman, Longford, McCrossen, Bryden, Murphy, Moor, Carmichael, McKay.

The total sum received by the Hon. Treasurer was \$141.14.

ROTHESAY BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Domville
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. Almon

The Branch prepared a large quantity of material and forwarded it to South Africa through the St. John Branch, it also collected \$35.00, which amount was received by the Hon. Treasurer.

ST. CATHARINES BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President.....Mrs. Chas. Paterson.
Treasurer.....Mrs. Fred. Leach.
Secretary.....Miss C. W. Merritt.
Assistant Secretary.....Miss Jessie G. Goodman.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Audited).

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
To contributions and proceeds of entertainments, etc....\$1321 02	By Toronto Ladies' Branch.. \$100 00 " Sundry disbursements... 52 78 " Hon. Treasurer..... 1168 24
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The ladies of St. Catharines also sent supplies of comforts and materials of which no cash value is stated.

ST. JOHN BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK).

OFFICERS.

President.....Lady Tilley.
Vice-Presidents.....Mrs. E. Sears, Mrs. N. N. McLean, Mrs. G. W.
 Jones, Mrs. A. Markham.
Treasurer.....Mrs. E. A. Smith.

About a year ago the ladies of St. John, anticipating the call of the British Red Cross Society for assistance from Canada, met by Lady Tilley's invitation at Carleton House and organized a Red Cross Ladies' Society.

The first work of the Society was to send a Christmas reminder to each of the New Brunswick soldiers in South Africa. These Christmas tokens were carefully and lovingly arranged in tin boxes, of a uniform size, numbering over 125, or one for each New Brunswick volunteer. Of course each box contained the essential Christmas plum pudding, fruit cake and home-made candy, together with many

useful personal articles. The sender of each box invariably enclosed a kindly letter to the absent one with best wishes and kindly greetings. The name of each soldier was carefully written on his respective box, after which the cover was soldered and thus made air tight.

That these Christmas tokens were fully appreciated by our soldier boys at the front, the many letters received in recognition of the ladies' efforts, written by the soldiers themselves, testify. With the boxes went many packages from home and friends to their dear ones on the African veldt, who seized this opportunity of sending what they desired, through the agency of the Red Cross Ladies' Aid.

Shortly after this effort on the part of the society Lady Tilley learned that the Government only furnished each volunteer with his bare necessities, and that it remained with the ladies to supply the comforts. Thereupon Lady Tilley set aside a large room in her residence "Carleton House," where the members of the society might meet daily and make up articles of clothing and comforts for hospital and field use. For nearly three weeks the ladies of the society worked assiduously and at the end of that time three large tin-lined boxes were filled with the following articles:—34 grey flannel shirts, 33 pyjama suits, 21 shaker flannel hospital dressing gowns, packages of bandages, 50 Florence Nightingale bed jackets, 27 shaker flannel shirts, 60 hospital shirts, 31 housewives' medical cases, 6 down Union Jack pillows, 160½ dozen handkerchiefs, 112 flannel cholera bandages, 25 tam o'shanters, 12 caps, 15 bath towels, 50 yards grey cotton, 50 yards canton flannel for bandages, 32 pairs hospital felt slippers. One of the three boxes was set aside for the following articles:—3 dozen bottles Gibson's lime fruit tablets, 26 hot water bottles, 24 rubber air pillows, 4 rubber bed pans, 2 dozen pairs brushes, 2 dozen carbolic soap, 21 lbs. castile soap, 1 dozen atomizers, 1 dozen bottles toilet water, 1 dozen tooth powder, 1 dozen Florida water, 12 yards rubber sheeting, 1 dozen boxes mustard leaves, 3 dozen vaseline, 6 dozen Fuller's earth, 86 packages of stationery (in each package 2 pads, 2 packages envelopes, pencil and pencil sharpener), and large quantities of toilet soap.

Meantime the efforts of our zealous, energetic President reached through the Province and succeeded in organizing eight District Red Cross Societies, viz.:—

Branch.	President.	Branch.	President.
Rothesay	Mrs. Domville	Dorchester	Mrs. Harrington
Sussex	Mrs. Arnold	St. Stephen	Mrs. J. D. Chipman
Moncton	Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith	Andover	Miss McLeod
Sackville	Mrs. Powell	Fredericton	Mrs. Randolph

These societies entered with the greatest interest into the work and as each has, no doubt, forwarded to you a report of its own labors, no further reference on their behalf is necessary.

The three boxes referred to went in the care of Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, Canadian Red Cross Commissioner, on the "Laurentian" to Spath Africa. Dr. Ryerson, in acknowledging the receipt of the boxes, expressed much pleasure with the energetic efforts of the branch and said he did not know how anything could be better suited for the purpose than the contents of the boxes sent.

The ladies of the society, now fully alive to the needs of our wounded and sick and also to those of our brave boys in the field, decided to send further proofs of their interest by the "Monterey" which

conveyed the illustrious Strathcona Horse to the Cape. Hands and brains were again active, and, as a result, two large packing boxes were brought into requisition, filled to overflowing with varied and useful articles, among which may be mentioned:—Blankets by the dozen pairs, pillows and sheets by the score, towels innumerable, and all kinds of toilet articles, various kinds of bandages, Florence Nightingales, invalid robes, Balaclavas, over 150 pairs of socks, 3 score pairs slumber shoes, pocket handkerchiefs, dressing gowns, and dozens of substantial canes for the use of the wounded in moving in and about the hospital. Foods, condensed, of various nourishing kinds formed no small addition, and in themselves proved, no doubt, a boon in a land where the necessaries of life, to the average soldier, are so limited.

The women of the Red Cross Ladies' Aid having manifested such tangible proof of their interest in "our boys at the front," it was but natural that the children also became thoroughly interested and eagerly availed themselves of the suggestion of Lady Tilley to send a children's tribute, the work of their little hands and brains, to the New Brunswick volunteers. It was a very sweet thought of our resourceful President and will prove a lasting object lesson in patriotism and loyalty to Queen and Empire to all our young people who were thus enabled to do their little mite in defence of truth and freedom. This box went from this port by the steamer "Mohican" direct to South Africa. It contained the following articles:—Dozens of pillow slips, scores of roller, triangular and T bandages, over 500 cup covers, 9 lbs. acid drops, 5 lbs. lime fruit tablets, 12 large tins marmalade, a dozen packages of absorbent cotton, a large quantity of stationery, 2 dozen knitted scarfs, 36 pairs woollen socks, 7 knitted helmets, numbers of handkerchiefs and mufflers, to say nothing of webs of cotton, sent whole, to be used as the emergency demanded, and over 50 pipes, sent as a donation from a school of boys. These gifts from the children were duly received and most graciously acknowledged by Dr. Ryerson. The six large packing boxes, whose contents have been here referred to, were valued, when packed, at upwards of \$1,500, and when we consider the hours of loving labor in making the many and varied articles, that amount seems but small.

The responsiveness of the citizens of St. John, in connection with this particular work, was most marked, and we Red Cross ladies have many kind patrons who assisted most generously, in donations of workable material or money, in forwarding the interests of the society. To the Rev. John DesSoyres, Rector of Stone Church, we are much indebted, as that worthy gentleman organized a course of lectures, three of which he personally delivered, and the proceeds of which went to swell the funds of the Red Cross treasury.

Speaking on the financial phase of the society's work, as Treasurer, I may state that from membership fees, donations from individuals and societies, together with proceeds from course of lectures referred to, the money receipts for the year totalled over \$850.00 (eight hundred and fifty dollars). Of this amount \$200.00 is still on hand, \$100.00 of which, it was decided at our last meeting, to forward to the Treasurer of Parent Society in Toronto. I may also state that we have disposed of 25 Red Cross pins at 50 cents each, and 50 buttons at 10 cents each, making a total of \$17.50, which amount I am also forwarding your Treasurer. Before closing this report let me add that one of the last loving acts of this society was to furnish a "Memorial Bed" in our Home for Incurables in memory of our

brave dead whose resting place is by the side of the Modder River. It also seemed a fitting finale to our year's work that our Ladies' Red Cross Society were foremost in the tendering of a splendid "Soldiers' Banquet," at which the citizens of St. John welcomed home the brave boys and true, whose skill, courage and daring have gained for Canada not only the plaudits of an admiring Empire, but of all the world.

ST. STEPHEN BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK).

OFFICERS

President Mrs. J. D. Chipman.
 Secretary Miss G. B. Stevens.
 Treasurer Mrs. Lewis Dexter, Jr.

The receipts were \$74.15, of which \$11.88 was forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer. The larger part of the donations was in material (\$150.00) which was sent the Commissioner.

ST. THOMAS BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS

Hon. President His Honor Judge Hughes
 President Mayor Meehan
 Secretary Mr. George Wright
 Treasurer Mr. M. A. Gilbert
 Committee Messrs. D. M. Tait, J. Forley, R. M. Anderson,
 Judge Ermatinger, J. H. Still, J. Mickleborough, J. Campbell, T.
 Duncombe, G. K. Morton, H. G. Broderick, J. Griffith, Dr. McCarty,
 Dr. Lipsey, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Fulton.

LADIES' COMMITTEE

President Mrs. M. A. Gilbert
 Vice-Presidents Mrs. J. Farley, Mrs. J. H. Coyne, Mrs. Hutchison,
 Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Donahue
 Recording Secretary Miss McAdam
 Corresponding Secretary ... Mrs. Gustin
 Treasurer Mrs. Hindmarsh
 Executive Committee Mesdames J. P. Finlay, Amosa Wood, G. K.
 Morton, Mr. P. Meehan, Misses Fitzgibbon,
 Paul and Saunders.

The total receipts from all sources were \$363.99 of which \$240.91 was forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer. Contributions in kind were valued at \$27.50 but owing to the loss of the books by fire it is impossible to obtain a complete list of supplies. The bales weighed 1,375 lbs. and were valued at \$500.00.

SACKVILLE BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President	Mrs. H. A. Powell
1st Vice-President	Mrs. W. C. Milner
2nd "	Mr. J. F. Allison
3rd "	Mrs. H. C. Read
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. A. H. McCready

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
To Contributions.....\$149 00	By Material.....\$138 86
" Concert..... 115 00	" Hon. Treasurer..... 160 39
" Lecture..... 35 25	
\$299 25	\$299 25

The Branch received in kind material of the value of \$252.81 and the total value of comforts, &c. was over \$400.00.

SUSSEX BRANCH—(NEW BRUNSWICK)

OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. O. R. Arnold
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Sherwood
Treasurer.....	Mrs. H. H. Dryden
Secretary.....	Mrs. Hallett
Committee.....	Mesdames Hallett, Robinson, Vaughan, Mellin, Messrs. Daly, Perry, Hunter.

The cash receipts were \$54.85. In addition the branch forwarded a quantity of comforts and material.

TILSONBURG BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

OFFICERS

Hon. President.....	Mayor Burns
President.....	Rev. E. H. Hughes
Secretary.....	Mr. Chas. Auld
Treasurer.....	Mr. J. McIntyre
Executive Committee.....	Mr. W. McDonald, Revs. D. L. Brethour, M. McGregor

President' Ladies Committee	Mrs. Brethour
Vice-Pres. "	Mrs. J. Smith
Secretary "	Miss L. McCrae
Treasurer "	Miss C. Betts

TORONTO LADIES' BRANCH—(ONTARIO)

On October the 19th, 1899, a public meeting was called at Government House, at the request of Mrs. Nordheimer, by kind permission of Miss Mowat, to consider the most practical way of showing the appreciation of the women of Toronto for the loyalty of our volunteers in so enthusiastically responding to our country's call for aid to the Empire.

At this meeting, Dr. Ryerson, chairman of the executive of the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society advised the ladies to join the Red Cross in its work, and adopt the name of "The Toronto Ladies' Branch of the Red Cross Society." After some discussion it was decided to accept the proposition made in the name of the Council by Dr. Ryerson, with provision that the Ladies' Branch keep full control of their funds and are at liberty to expend them as they deem proper, for the benefit of the soldiers in South Africa, reporting to the Treasurer of the Canadian Branch at stated intervals.

Miss Mowat was elected Hon. President; Mrs. Nordheimer, President; Miss Wilkie, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss C. Merritt, Hon. Secretary, with the following ladies on the committee to collect funds and make purchases: Lady Thompson, Lady Gzowski, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Otter, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Geo. Denison, Mrs. Albert Gooderham, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. T. Hodgins, Mrs. Grasett, Mrs. E. Spragge, Mrs. Alfred Cameron, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, Mrs. Elmsley, Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. John Cawthra, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Miss Campbell, Miss McLean Howard, Miss Gzowski, and Miss Small.

The following names were added from time to time to the General Committee: Mrs. H. Strathy, Mrs. Sweny, Miss Carty, Miss Fitzgibbon, Miss Yarker, Mrs. Cory, Miss Beardmore, Miss C. Langmuir, Mrs. B. B. Osler, Miss G. Boulton, Miss McDonald, Miss G. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Macdougall, Miss L. Janes, Miss Strange, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Irving Cameron, Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. Stewart Houston, Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Mrs. A. Peplar, Mrs. Bristol, Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. G. Harman, Mrs. Campbell McDonald, Mrs. A. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Macdougall, Mrs. Chas. Ryerson, Mrs. C. Baines, Mrs. A. Grasett, Mrs. F. Grasett, Mrs. McMahan, Miss Denison, Mrs. C. R. Boulton, Mrs. G. T. Ryerson, Mrs. Cockburn.

So successful were these ladies in their efforts in four days that nearly \$3,000 had been collected and many generous gifts in kind had been added to the comforts purchased for the use of men on shipboard, and 121 cases were packed and sent off on a special car on the train that carried our troops to Quebec, on that never to be forgotten 25th October, 1899.

These comforts for use only on shipboard, were at the suggestion of the President to be for the benefit of the whole Contingent, and each man was also provided with two pairs of soft socks, (2,000 pairs in all) and one pound of chocolate, and tutti frutti to take on shore; games, books, fruits, jam,

prunes, figs, canned vegetables, cake, etc., etc., and a Harmonium and Piano were some of the things provided and donated.

It was decided to place any funds in hand (after purchasing) to the credit of the Commanding Officer, to be used for the benefit of the men in any case of emergency; and we note with gratification that a Christmas Dinner (a good hearty meal on arrival at Bloemfontein), after a record march and half rations for four weeks, £60 expended on boots, with extra rations and fruit at different times, have been procured with these funds, as well as many comforts in the regimental hospital, such as mattresses, pillows, etc.

The first Contingent having been sent off with the heart-felt good wishes and prayers for a safe return from their town folk, the Committee decided on the 3rd of November to adjourn until further notice, which was done.

The treasurer's report, which is annexed, will give a full statement of amounts sent to the different commanding officers; also a list is annexed of quantities of clothing, etc., forwarded to the men at the seat of war.

A second contingent having been ordered to South Africa, a meeting of the Committee was held at Government House on December 26, 1899, to decide on what should again be done to provide our troops with comforts for their long and trying voyage.

In the absence of the President (Mrs. Nordheimer) Mrs. Sweny was elected Vice-President, to act during the absence of the President, and Miss Campbell to act as Secretary in Miss Merritt's absence.

An executive committee composed of the officers of all committees was appointed to act in cases of emergency, and it was resolved to provide the second contingent in the same manner as the first, with ship comforts to the amount of \$1,000, and place the same proportion of funds in the hands of the Commanding Officers as had been given Col. Otter.

Contributions in kind were most generous, and enabled the committee to provide 288 pairs of smoked glasses, 9 pairs of field glasses, besides a quantity of rugs, in addition to the comforts previously sent.

The second contingent having been sent off, the committee had time to lay plans for the future providing of the men at the front, (and upon the offer made by Lady Taylor, on behalf of the Women's Council, of forming woman's branches of the Red Cross throughout the Dominion, being accepted by the Council of the Canadian Branch, as well as the adopting of a pin and button as the badge of the Society,) by which, through the efforts of Mrs. Davidson, and other members of the Committee, over \$600.00 was added to the treasury of the Canadian Branch. The ladies decided to purchase flannel, wool, etc., etc., and have warm clothing made and forwarded to the soldiers in anticipation of a winter of rain and cold about to begin in South Africa.

Before commencing this work however, it was thought advisable to supply the Strathcona Horse with some mark of consideration, and ship comforts were also provided for this troop, and a like proportion of funds were placed in Col. Steel's hands. This was done, the offer having been first gratefully accepted by Lord Strathcona and the Minister of Militia.

His Worship, the Mayor and the Property Committee having granted the Ladies' Branch of the

Red Cross two handsome rooms in the Municipal Buildings, wherein to continue their work, the making up of garments was at once commenced and a busy corner of the beautiful new building has this been for the past four months, cutting out shirts, running of machines, packing of enormous cases and making up of bales of woollens.

According to the urgent and oftentimes pitiful appeal to forward private parcels, several cases containing only private parcels were sent to the front, and the Committee have been enabled to do this through the kindness and generosity of those gentlemen, who forwarded to Capetown, free of expense from New York out, supplies (Sir Roderick Cameron and Mr. Zeigler) per the Allan, Irwin and Elder Dempster, and the American Express Co., who generously carried the supplies at the same rate as our Canadian Expresses, viz: half-rate.

It is found desirable to place this short report of the work of the Toronto Ladies' Branch of the Red Cross Society, together with their treasurer's report, before the public, owing to a change having taken place in their position towards the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society, that Branch not finding it consistent with their constitution to allow any other branch than the Canadian Head Branch in Canada to have control of its own funds.

The Ladies' Branch have therefore from the date of May 24th, 1900, resolved to hand their funds over to the treasurer of the Canadian Branch, and from that date are known as the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Branch of the Red Cross Society. It may now be well to call attention to the fact that the Toronto Ladies' Branch has in no way acted locally; all that has been done has been for our Dominion and her men, and to assist our Empire, and this Branch has repacked and shipped all cases and bales for warehoused to them from their local branches of the Society, at their own expense.

The grateful thanks of this Committee are truly tendered to all those who have in so many ways co-operated with them, endeavoring to, even in a small degree, lighten the hardships of our brave men who have, through their hardships and in many cases, alas! with their lives, made the name of this Canada of ours famous, and cemented our beloved England to her Colonies with bonds of blood that can surely never be broken.

Owing to the very limited time at the disposal of the Committee (4 days) it was found impossible to keep an accurate account of everything donated and purchased for the use of the First Contingent on shipboard.

List of supplies donated and purchased for the use of the Second Contingent on board the S. S. "Laurentian," "Pomeranian" and "Milwaukie," sailing in January and February: Lemons, 2 cases; Jam, 2,000 pounds; Salt, 3 barrels; Sugar, 3 barrels; Prunes, 2,046 pounds; Figs, 700 pounds; Swiss Food, 72 pkgs.; Puddings and Cakes, 163 pounds; Stationery, 3 cases; Canned Vegetables, 3 cases; Books, Prayer Books, &c., 15 cases; Socks, 1,426 pairs; Stockings, 33 dozen pairs; Sweaters, 109; Tobacco, 3 cases; Onions, 1 barrel; Wheat Biscuits, 1 barrel; Chocolate, 921 pounds; Lime Juice, 90 gallons; Tamarinds, 3 barrels; Games, 1 case; Medical Comforts, 1 case.

List of supplies donated for the use of the Strathcona Horse on board ship, sailing February 22nd, 1900: Games, to amount of \$21.50; jam, 150 lbs.; chocolate, 50 lbs.; beef tablets, to amount of \$89.00; salt, 1 bbl., sugar, 1 bbl.; books and magazines, 2 cases; boot laces, 1,000; tamarinds, 1 bbl.

List of supplies purchased for the use of the Strathcona Horse on board ship :

	Value		Value
Socks, 500 pairs	\$94 50	Beef tablets	89 17
Stationery	55 00	Jam (450 lbs.)	30 00
Chocolate (250 lbs.)	45 00	Lime juice (40 gals.)	38 00
Prunes (500 lbs.)	33 75	Express charges for books	5 15
Figs (600 lbs.)	31 00	Telegrams, etc.	3 20
Games	50 00		
Total			\$474 77

The attached list gives the quantities of articles made and forwarded to the men since their arrival at the seat of war.

Total quantity sent to Contingents: Shirts, 1,334; socks, 3,005 (and an additional 5,000 pairs were given the men on landing); caps, 334; soap, 1,000 cakes; towels, 1,022; braces, 18 pairs; talcum powder, 60 boxes; quantity of tobacco; quantity of pipes; quantity of chocolate; games; handkerchiefs, 3,766; cholera belts, 327; soap, 1 case; woollen drawers, 1,434; stationery, 100 packages; lime juice capsules, 2 boxes; quantity of tooth brushes; quantity of cigarettes; beef tablets; colored spectacles, 100 pairs; field glasses, 6 pairs. Large cases of private parcels have been forwarded to the Red Cross Committee for both Contingents.

Total amount sent to Dr. Ryerson for hospital use from March 2nd to June 1st: Pillows, 376; Shirts, 412; Towels, 189; Pyjamas, 400; Drawers, 12; Pillow Cases, 393; Socks, 95; Helmets, 1,200; Nightingales, 104; Slippers, 166; many dozens of rolled bandages, d'oyleys, Quinine, hospital pads, fans, boxes of soap, vaseline, powder, toothbrushes, books, florida water, paper and envelopes, mosquito netting, cholera belts, pencils, cards, hoods, packets of jelly, tins of fruit.

Over 5,000 pairs of socks were sent to be distributed to the men on board ship.

(Signed) EDITH BOULTON NORDHEIMER, President.

CONSTANCE R. BOULTON, Hon. Secretary.

The officers of the Toronto Branch of the Red Cross Society now stands as follows :

Hon., President	-	-	-	-	Miss Mowat
President	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Nordheimer,
Hon. Secretary	-	-	-	-	Miss C. R. Boulton,
Hon. Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Miss McLean Howard.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS, 31st May, 1900		DISBURSEMENTS.		
October, 1899.	From sundry sources..	\$3,253 73	Remitted to Colonel Otter - -	\$3,320 88
November "	" "	573 50	" Colonel Steele - -	1,500 00
December "	" "	188 40	" Colonel Herchmer - -	1,017 00
January, 1900	" "	5,108 45	" Colonel Evans - -	1,658 00
February "	" "	1,578 80	" Major Ogilvie - -	1,075 00
March "	" "	1,693 83	Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, for Canadian Branch	93 35
April "	" "	148 40	Merchandise sent to and for the use of	
May "	" "	890 42	the Contingents : groceries, fruits, pre-	
			serves, extracts, lime juice, etc.	- 1,242 77
			Flannel, socks, underwear, towels, hand-	
			kerchiefs - - - -	- 2,256 05
			Games, stationery, etc. - - - -	366 13
			Blue spectacles, field glasses, etc. - -	181 00
			Express charges, cables, telegrams,	
			postage, etc. - - - -	- 219 94
			Balance in Bank - - - -	505 41
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		\$13,435 53		\$13,435 53

(Sgd.) EDITH BOULTON NORDHEIMER, President.

MARION A. WILKIE, Hon.-Treasurer.

(Examined and found correct. HARRY VIGEON. Toronto, May 31st, 1900. Chartered Accountant).

VANCOUVER BRANCH—(B.C.)

OFFICERS

President.....Dr. A. M. Robertson
 Hon. Treasurer.....J. R. Seymour, Esq.

The sum of \$200.00 was remitted the Hon. President and a large quantity of comforts and supplies sent by the Branch to South Africa.

VICTORIA BRANCH—(B. C.)

OFFICERS

President	Lieut.-Col. Grant, R.C.
Vice-President	Senator Macdonald
Secretary	Lieut.-Col. Gregory
Treasurer	Dr. J. A. Duncan
Committee	Mayor Benson, R.C.A., Messrs. A. E. Phillips, M.P.P., L. Cream, W. Morris, Major Dupont, H. D. Helmckin, M.P.P., A. C. Flumerfelt, Mayor Hayward, Capt. Clive, P. Wolley, Mesdames Grant, Hayward, Galithy, G. Grant, H. Grant, Roche, Robertson, Wolley, Misses Perrin, Crean, E. Carr.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
From sale of pins and buttons \$125 05	By cheque sent to Hon.
“ proceeds of concert... 110 00	Treasurer, Toronto . . . \$210 30
“ “ lecture . . . 50 00	“ balance in Bank of B. N.
“ donations 102 00	A., Victoria..... 176 75
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\$387 05	\$387 05

Victoria, B.C., 26th Feb., 1901.

JOHN A. DUNCAN, M.D.,
Treasurer Victoria Branch.

WATERLOO BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

Hon. Secretary	Dr. J. H. Webb.
Hon. Treasurer	A. W. Robarts, Esq.

The total amount remitted to the Hon. Treasurer from the town was \$683.25.

WHITBY BRANCH—(ONTARIO).

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. Hare.
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Henderson.
Treasurer	Mrs. Waugh.
Secretary	Miss Whitfield.
Assistant Secretary	Miss Harper.

The total receipts were \$86.65, and of this amount, after paying expenses of the branch, \$75.05 was forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer.

WINNIPEG BRANCH—(MANITOBA).

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. J. C. Patterson.
Vice-President	Mrs. Hugh John Macdonald.
Treasurer	Mrs. A. C. Killam.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Colin H. Campbell.
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Bain.
Executive Committee	Mesdames J. Robinson, Howell, Macgachan, G. F. Galt, Denison, Culver, Parker, Jones, Kirby, D. M. Walker, G. R. Crowe, Blandeau, Geo. Bryce, P. C. McIntyre, E. L. Drewry, Wm. Whyte, J. Stewart Tupper, A. W. Puttee, Inkster, Chipman, Knetchel, Fry, L. A. Hamilton.

Our monies were raised by house to house collections, the city being divided into districts. A member of the Executive Committee acted as convener of each district, and appointed her own committee of visitors and collectors who reported to her, while she alone reported to the Society. In this way our canvass was quickly made—and with little trouble. Buttons and pins were sold and names of members and subscribers enrolled. Some few special contributions were received—proceeds of school children's concert, of various musical recitals of teacher and pupils, etc. No material was bought or made. The total amount raised by our Branch is \$2,058.73; total expenses \$24.75 to date.

The special meeting was called for the purpose of establishing an emergency hospital tent on the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Grounds. The tent and almost everything required to equip same were loaned. There were some expenses for carting equipment and the salary of trained nurse in charge. One of our Executive Committee daily supervised the work. The City doctors gave their services, About fifty cases were treated. The saddest case was that of a lady who was frightfully burned, her summer gown having caught fire, it is supposed, from a lighted cigar stump. There were two cases requiring stitches and minor surgical cases. The majority of cases treated were those suffering from faintness and headache, the result of the intense heat, long railroad and over-exertion. One and all testified to the benefit bestowed by the emergency tent. Numbers purchased our Society's badge and buttons to the amount of \$28.20 and enrolled their names as members. Contributions were deposited into the box for that purpose to the amount of \$22.37. After defraying expenses in connection with the emergency tent we had a surplus on hand.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on motion of Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Killam.

Resolved: That the Winnipeg Branch of the Red Cross Society petition the Central Red Cross Society, Canadian Branch, to secure for them the power to establish annually an Emergency Hospital Tent in connection with the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, having seen the necessity and proved its untold value to the public during the exhibition of 1900, when about fifty cases were treated therein.

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIVED FROM LOCAL BRANCHES BY J. GEORGE HODGINS, LL.D.
HON. TREASURER, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Alliston	-	-	-	\$ 24 57		Brought forward, \$10,780 99	
Aurora	-	-	-	106 70	Lakefield	-	53 61
Barrie	-	-	-	128 75	Montreal	-	480 65
Belleville	-	-	-	338 83	Moncton	-	69
Berlin	-	-	-	1704 71	Napanee	-	137 23
Bradford	-	-	-	51 50	Newmarket	-	179 02
Brampton	-	-	-	42 00	New Glasgow	-	14 90
Brandon	-	-	-	191 00	Orilla	-	686 03
Brantford	-	-	-	1299 05	Ottawa	-	4446 35
Brighton	-	-	-	80 00	Port Elgin	-	81 95
Brockville	-	-	-	92 50	Quebec	-	1121 18
Charlottetown	-	-	-	713 00	Rat Portage	-	141 14
Chatham	-	-	-	236 80	Rothsay	-	35 00
Cobourg	-	-	-	147 60	St. Catharines	-	1168 00
Collingwood	-	-	-	62 27	St. John	-	317 50
Cookstown	-	-	-	24 80	St. Stephen	-	11 88
Dorchester	-	-	-	22 36	St. Thomas	-	345 91
Edmonton	-	-	-	363 95	Sackville	-	160 39
Fredericton	-	-	-	173 49	Sussex	-	32 25
Galt	-	-	-	1990 83	Tilsonburg	-	166 18
Guelph	-	-	-	520 00	Toronto	-	834 90
Hamilton	-	-	-	675 00	Vancouver	-	200 00
Ingersoll	-	-	-	85 10	Victoria	-	210 30
Kingston	-	-	-	5 75	Waterloo	-	683 25
Kincardine	-	-	-	82 95	Whitby	-	197 20
London	-	-	-	1617 48	Winnipeg	-	2193 48
				Carried forward, \$10,780 99		Total, -	\$24,679 93

NOTE.--Sums sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer from the several centres have been credited to the Branch in this statement.

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