

Canadian Patriotic Fund
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FIVE YEARS
of **SERVICE**

1914-1919

The Canadian Patriotic Fund
HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH

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Sunday School Church
Kew-Forest Road Upper

*The highest reward of
Service is perhaps the
privilege of being of Service.*

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THE Canadian Patriotic Fund, Hamilton and Wentworth Branch was formed in September, 1914, on the initiative of the Canadian Club, of Hamilton, following a visit by Sir Herbert Ames, M. P., at the invitation of the then President, George E. Ma . . . The constitution was prepared by the late Hon. Samuel Barker, P. C., M. P., the original name being "Hamilton and Wentworth County Patriotic Fund Association." Subsequently this Association became affiliated with the National Fund, the bill incorporating which was passed by the House of Commons of Canada, on August 22nd, 1914. The original Officers being :—

Hon. John S. Hendrie,	President
Cyrus A. Birge,	Vice-President
Geo. C. Copley,	Chairman Relief
Robt. Hobson,	Chairman Finance
J. P. Bell,	Honorary Treasurer
Norman Slater,	Honorary Secretary

On the assumption by Sir John Hendrie of his official position, Cyrus A. Birge was elected President of the local branch, which office he has continued to fill. His elevation necessitated a change in the personnel of the Executive Committee. The first Chairman, George C. Copley, becoming Vice-President and W. H. Lovering, succeeding him as Chairman of Relief in April, 1915.

Four Campaigns for Funds have been successfully carried out in the city of Hamilton and to some extent throughout the County of Wentworth. The Officers of the local Fund have faithfully endeavored to carry out the objects of the Fund, as specified in the Bill of Incorporation. This has been an immense work, silently performed, gladly and voluntarily. "There was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while the temple was building," but the results appear in the pages following :

At the conclusion of the War it became evident that with rapid demobilization there would be a larger sum left available to the Fund, than had been expected. It became also evident that there would be much Post War Relief work necessary and various suggestions were made as to the best way to utilize these funds. Eventually the Act of Incorporation of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was on the 1st of July last amended to permit of this being done.

It has been unanimously agreed by the Executive Officers of the local Branch to take on the Post Discharge Relief work within its district and the County of Halton. With the conclusion of the active war work of the Fund it is felt that a statement should be made of the work done, and the public told of the scope of the work which the Fund is now free to do. It is a matter of pride on the part of the

Executive that their work has been well done, at a minimum of expense and with very little derogatory criticism considering that during the five years of the Fund's existence 10,534 applications were considered and dealt with.

That the soldier problem and the civilian problem should, for the present at least, be kept distinct, each to be treated by agencies accustomed to dealing with particular conditions is certainly the general desire, and co-operation of such agencies is most necessary.

Provision has now been made for governmental help in cases of unemployment and inadequate earnings on the part of men of the Forces during the winter of 1919-20, and at the request of the Dominion Government the Canadian Patriotic Fund has created a special department known as the "Federal Emergency Appropriation Department," to administer these funds, and the Hamilton Branch has, as always, assumed its share of the work in this respect.

It is sincerely hoped that this report may be given careful consideration by all those who may have at any time in any way been interested directly or indirectly in the Fund, either as subscribers to it or obtaining assistance through it, and by all those who appreciate the great need that exists, notwithstanding the Declaration of Peace for the careful attention to, and consideration of, the dependents of the men who made possible that Peace.

January, 1920.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Hon. President—Sir John S. Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., late Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.
President—Cyrus A. Birge, President Mercantile Trust Co. of Canada.
Vice-President—George C. Copley, President Copley, Noyes & Randall, Limited.
Chairman of Finance—Robert Hobson, President Steel Co. of Canada.
Chairman of Relief—W. H. Lovering, Deputy Registrar of Deeds.
Honorary Treasurer—J. P. Bell, General Manager Bank of Hamilton.
Honorary Secretary—Norman Slater, President Slater-Barnard Co., Limited.

REPRESENTATIVES ON NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- Sir John Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.
Sir John Gibson, K.C.M.G.
Cyrus A. Birge.
Robert Hobson.
W. H. Lovering, Esq.

REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

W. H. Lovering.

STAFF

Office Interviews	Mrs. J. B. Lawlor
Governmental Claims	Mrs. P. Reid
Correspondence	Miss M. Wells
Cheques and Accounts	Miss N. Ballantine
Returns and Records	Miss E. Johnson
Monthly Returns	Mr. J. Millward
Accountant	Miss M. Maguire
Visitors	Mrs. F. E. Wilkinson
	Mrs. P. H. W. Davis
	Miss H. Wright

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURERS

- 1914-1915—Robert Kerr.
1915-1916—R. A. Gibson.
1916-1918—D. T. Almond.
1919-1920—Emily F. Macpherson.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge (Chairman)	Geo. C. Copley
J. P. Bell	Norman Slater
Archdeacon Forneret	Robert Hobson
H. H. Champ	W. H. Lovering
Henry Bertram (Dundas)	Sir John Gibson
R. K. Hope	P. J. Myler
John E. Peart	Warden Wentworth County
Hon. E. D. Smith	Rev. W. H. Sedgwick
Geo. Moore	W. E. Phin
W. A. Emory	Hon. Walter Rollo
Geo. W. Robinson	Geo. E. Main
H. B. Witton	C. W. Sherman
His Worship the Mayor	C. W. Graham
H. C. Beckett	Hugh Bertram
J. F. Vance	T. J. Stewart, M.P.
John Allan	Geo. C. Martin
Col. Wm. Hendrie	Corbett F. Whitton
Rev. Mr. Ferguson	W. B. Champ
F. A. Magee	Murray Woodbridge
P. M. Yeates	Controller T. W. Jutten
Geo. F. Webb	Stuart H. Lees
J. R. Hastings (Winona)	Rev. G. L. Cassidy

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Very Rev. J. M. Mahony
Allan Studholme, M.P.P.
Harry L. Frost
E. H. Dickenson
A. R. Miller

BANKERS

The Bank of Hamilton.

AUDITORS

Sinclair G. Richardson and Richardson, Gowans & Watson.

OFFICES

Board of Trade Building, West Main Street.
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Evening calls, Garfield 2079J.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Chairman of Relief	W. H. Lovering
Honorary Treasurer	J. P. Bell
Cheques, Special Relief	Cyrus A. Birge
War Gratuity Diversions	Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper
Loans against W. S. G.	Geo. C. Copley
Hon. Secretary	Norman Slater
Campaign Finances	Robert Hobson
Valuator	J. F. Kavanaugh
Office Assistants	Miss Jane Simpson Miss Ruth Frost Mrs. E. Vaughan Wright
Filing	Miss Muriel Cartwright Miss Isobel Scott
Visitors	Mrs. Duncan Campbell Mrs. John L. Counsell Miss Eugenia E. Gibson Miss M. Stewart Mrs. Henry Carscallen Mrs. C. R. McCullough Mrs. W. Ostler Mrs. W. R. Turnbull Mrs. W. Hendrie Mrs. W. H. Lovering Mrs. D. G. Storms Mrs. M. A. Pigott
Hospital Visitors	Miss Haslett Miss Mary Haslett
Dundas Committee	H. Bertram Mrs. W. F. Graham Mrs. T. Bertram
Motor Drivers	Mrs. W. Ostler Miss Kate Thomson Miss Marjorie Insole Miss Muriel Cartwright
Motor Supply	F. H. Rutherford (Rotary Club)
Babies' Dispensary Guild	Mrs. M. S. Thomson Miss H. MacDonald
Auditors	S. G. Richardson Richardson, Gowans & Watson

VOLUNTEER WORKERS—*Continued*

Legal Aid	W. H. Lovering Lees, Hobson & Co. Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, Crerar & Robinson C. H. Higgins
Travellers' Aid—Motor Help	F. H. Rutherford J. D. Armstrong
Bankers	Bank of Hamilton

And Volunteers from the Ladies' Advisory Committee.
Other Visitors who served for considerable periods were:

Mrs. Bertha Williams	W. Begley
Mrs. H. L. Hall	A. Owen
	Mrs. A. Bowlby

REPORT

The local Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, a National Organization, has endeavored to effectively and economically look after the financial and to some extent the social interests and needs of the dependents of the soldiers and sailors of Canada and of the Allies residing within its district, which includes the County of Wentworth.

By supplementing where required, Assigned Pay and Governmental allowances by graded grants, increased as changed living conditions required, the Branch has been of the utmost assistance to those whom it aimed to serve, and aided in creating the splendid record of Hamilton of over 11,000 men enlisted in the Great War. This financial assistance was made possible by the wonderful record, unsurpassed by any nation, of nearly \$50,000,000 voluntarily contributed during the war period for War Relief work through the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and of which, by the splendid spirit of its people of every class, Hamilton contributed over \$2,000,000 in addition to its contributions to various War Relief objects. It is to be regretted that no accurate statement of Hamilton's War contributions is available, but that the "children of our children" may know something of the record of Hamilton in that respect, some of the items are collated in this report. By no means accurate or complete, it is a matter of pride on the part of everyone who helped to make it possible.

During the period between the Declaration of War and the formation of the Fund, Hamilton was fortunate in having at the disposal of needy Dependents, especially of Reservists, the "Hamilton Patriotic Fund," generally known as the "Boer War Fund," which had been kept practically intact. The Treasurer, R. K. Hope, with the approval of the Trustees of the Fund, and the assistance of W. H. Lovering, made emergency grants to the extent of \$4,709.48, and on the organization of the present Fund the balance of \$13,494.92 was paid over, to the general work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

There have been conducted most successfully with little expense by the voluntary service of prominent citizens under the President, Cyrus A. Birge, who gave practically his whole time for the campaign periods, and with much assistance from George C. Copley, organized the many necessary Committees, became Team Captains, Speakers, Collectors, and contributed of time and money, ungrudgingly, to the end that they who could not "Fight" might "Pay." Robert

Hobson, as Chairman of Finance, was an outstanding figure in every campaign, and by his example brought many workers to give unselfish service, extending at times over a period of four weeks, with daily and nightly meetings and conferences. These campaigns were indeed severe trials to those actively engaged in them, and only the slogans "Fight or Pay," "They shall not want," and "Go on or go Under," exemplifying the need and the cause, made the efforts of many of the workers physically possible, and produced the wonderful results obtained. An outstanding feature of each campaign was the contributions of the factory employees. Of them the Chairman of Finance says:—

"Since the fall of 1914 I have acted as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Hamilton Patriotic Association, and have had an opportunity of watching the different phases in connection with the raising of the funds of the Association, and I have always been struck with the manner in which the employees of the various factories throughout the City have contributed, not only in money, but in time. If it had not been for the loyal support of the employees of these factories, the splendid success which we have had in every Campaign would not have been achieved.

"I am satisfied that every man who contributed has done so with the feeling of gratitude that he was able to assist in taking care of the wives and children of the men who have gone to the front. In no case, I am sure, did they feel it a tax, but a privilege."

In connection with all these campaigns the members of the Executive took a very active part, assisted by such local organizations as "The Canadian Club" and the "Rotary Club of Hamilton." Practically the same team captains, all prominent in the business life of the city, worked through all the campaigns.

Prominent in these Campaigns as Committee Chairmen were:—

Cyrus Birge	W. J. Hobson
Robert Hobson	H. M. Marsh
W. H. Lovering	E. O. Zimmerman
E. Morwick	F. A. Magee
S. H. Alexander	Bruce A. Carey
P. M. Yeates	W. H. Cooper
R. T. Kelly	H. L. Frost
C. H. Snyder (obit)	L. R. Greene
E. P. Coleman	G. W. Robinson
H. H. Champ	L. R. Tobey

Some of the District Managers and Team Captains were:—

George E. Main	Fred. T. Smye
Bruce A. Carey	George Hope
P. H. Alexander	H. B. Witton
G. C. Martin	H. H. Champ
Vaughan Wright	H. E. Sherk
W. J. Aitchison	Walder Parke
R. C. Ripley	C. W. Graham
Dr. D. G. Storms	W. S. Burrill
S. G. Richardson	F. J. Howell
George Raw	R. H. New
R. K. Hope	G. P. Mullens
Mayor C. S. Walters	A. G. Hewish
R. B. Cheyne	P. T. Ward
S. D. Addison	H. J. Hale
J. E. Fidler	H. B. Brown
Gordon Hutton	Norman Ellis
W. C. Hawkins	H. E. Waterman
E. Chambers	W. H. Seymour
W. W. Lindsey	W. J. Ballentine
Geo. H. O'Neil	Benson Johnston
G. B. Perry	A. P. Kappelle
J. R. LaFrance	F. Radigan
L. R. Tobey	W. C. Thompson
A. A. Adams	G. A. Leeks (obit)
W. H. Monk	

amongst whom much effective rivalry was created. H. B. Witton's "Thin Red Line" and H. H. Champs' "Brigands," the daily luncheons and Patriotic Auction Sales aided materially to produce great results, and made somewhat easier the task of the many who through the years of war learned not only the joy of "Service," but the need.

There have been four campaigns, in each of which the objective was exceeded very considerably.

YEAR	OBJECTIVE	SUBSCRIPTIONS
1914	\$200,000.00	\$216,120.21
1915	400,000.00	532,857.73
1916-17	500,000.00	688,344.34
1918	600,000.00	773,361.93 <i>or 10 68421</i>

The general result has been a wonderful testimony to the interest and patriotism of the citizens. The City of Hamilton and the County of Wentworth made generous contributions to the Funds, as follows:—

CITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS	COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
\$326,000.00	\$198,000.00

The Town of Dundas also made a collection, and while the dependents in that town were cared for by the Local Fund, \$9,668.00 was remitted direct to Ottawa, and is a part of the County's contribution.

FINANCES

Robert Hobson, as Chairman of Finance, and his Special Committees, Factory Committees and the many Collectors obtained the subscriptions which were paid to the Honorary Treasurer, J. P. Bell, who has occupied that office as a volunteer throughout the existence of the Branch. The "Cheque" form of contribution card was conceived by him, and proved both popular with subscribers and effective in saving time and expense in the matter of collections.

The result of the collections under the various Campaigns has shown that within 1½% of the total subscribed has been collected from the Campaign of 1918, and that of all the Campaigns the subscriptions have been collected to within 6½%, a wonderful record. In the Campaign of 1918 it was arranged that 15% of the subscriptions should be paid to the Hamilton Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and the sum of \$100,803.67 was paid to that Society, that 5% should be paid to the Hamilton Branch of the British Navy League, and the sum of \$33,807.77 was paid to that Organization. In all these Campaigns the Honorary Treasurer has taken an active personal part, and the ultimate result shown in the collections is largely due to his personal oversight of the finances of the local Organization, this result has only been arrived at by a consistent and careful system. The office of Honorary Treasurer has been no sinecure, with the conclusion of the war, and before, there were some who thought they should not be called on to fulfill their obligations regarding contributions, there were many changes in the employees of various industrial concerns, but by a series of well-considered letters and advertisements, Mr. Bell managed to have Hamilton's promises well lived up to. To the 31st Dec., 1919, there has been remitted to Ottawa the sum of \$1,966,492; of this there has been expended for relief \$1,483,681.30, and for administration \$49,692.67.

The Honorary Treasurer in conjunction with the Auditor, Sinclair G. Richardson, has complied with all the requirements of the Head Office and the Auditor General, in the matter of statements and vouchers, and a local audit has been made from time to time. Annual Statements, which, bearing in mind the large number of receipts and disbursements, have been a task of considerable magnitude. The services of Mr. Richardson and his firm have been given most generously without any remuneration whatever, and, in themselves, constitute a very valuable and material contribution to the local Branch, and have helped to make it possible to collect and distribute over \$2,000,000.00, at a cost of about 2%.

With monthly disbursements exceeding at times \$10,000.00, paid in small sums by cheque and mailed, a maximum monthly administration expense, including postage and War Tax of about \$900.00, could only be obtained by such generous aid, and that of the Estate of William Hendrie, which, from the inception of the Fund to 31st December, 1919, permitted the free use by the Fund of the valuable office building at 52 King Street East. This meant much to the Fund, the ideal location being of great advantage. To have acquired similar offices on a rental basis would have cost the Fund over \$12,000.00. It is only proper to acknowledge this further contribution to the Fund by this Estate. A statement of the finances of the Branch to 30th April, 1919, and of subsequent Relief disbursements follows:

AUDITORS' REPORT

The Trustees, May 22nd, 1919.
Hamilton and Wentworth Branch,
Canadian Patriotic Fund Association,
City.

Gentlemen:—

We have audited the accounts of this Branch for the eighteen months from our last report, October 31st, 1917, to April 30th, 1918, and have verified the individual receipts and disbursements of the Fund, as was done in previous audits.

We submit balance sheet showing the nett assets of this Branch at April 30th, last, not taking into account any disbursements made by the Fund in Ottawa, out of the Hamilton subscriptions on behalf of the General Fund.

The asset showing nett subscriptions at Ottawa, \$465,238.31, is made up of the total subscriptions and interest on the local account, transferred to the Ottawa account, less the nett requisitions received from that account after deducting refunds, which were transferred each month along with the subscriptions.

While we have not audited the Hamilton and Wentworth Branch of the Ottawa account, we have verified the transfers between it and this Branch, and the Ottawa account shows a balance of \$490,398.62 in favor of this Branch. The difference is more than made up of interest earned on that account, which is not included in the branch accounts, while we understand payments have been made to other Branches from the transfers to the Ottawa account.

The bank balance of \$9,339.88 includes subscriptions received of \$844.91 in April, not transferred to the Ottawa account.

Petty cash, \$18.98, is deducted from the administration expense, being the unexpended balance of petty cash on hand at April 30th.

A separate account of loans to dependents was opened by transferring \$1,100.00 from the local account. These loans exceed this amount by \$240.60, which is a liability to the Bank of Hamilton as a separate loan account. These loans are being reduced, and will probably soon offset this overdraft.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The total pledges obtained from the inception of the Fund amount to \$2,211,004.71, but duplications or cancellations and pledges written off on account of enlistments, amount to \$15,819.55, leaving nett pledges before making any reserves of \$2,195,185.16.

The total receipts of subscriptions and interest since the inception of the Fund amount to \$2,077,729.66, leaving unpaid pledges of \$117,455.50, representing 5.35% of the nett pledges.

Of these pledges unpaid, our previous reports in 1916 and 1917 showed over \$68,000.00 written off for loss in employees pledges, and further reserves of \$50,000.00 for other unpaid pledges.

These reserves more than make up the unpaid pledges now shown, without making any further provision for the current period.

As shown in the statement of subscriptions, the 1918 campaign included the Canadian Red Cross Society, for which \$100,625.85 was realised, and the Navy League, for which \$33,748.51 was collected, leaving for the Patriotic Fund, for the period of eighteen months, \$743,214.68, transferred to Ottawa, and \$844.91 in the bank.

RELIEF ACCOUNT.

This account shows the nett payments to dependents for the eighteen months to be \$543,949.01, and \$80.00 paid on account of home service, making total disbursements for relief since the inception of the Fund of \$1,419,912.19, while the total administration expenses since the inception including campaign expenses, clerical salaries, investigations, stamps, supplies and expense, amounts to \$49,692.67, after deducting campaign expenses of 1918 refunded, represents considerably less than two and one-half per cent. of the subscriptions.

Outstanding cheques at April 30th of \$950.15 are not included in this statement, as these are not included in the disbursements till paid by the bank, on account of having to be sent to Ottawa as vouchers.

The amount of time which has been given by the Honorary Officers of this Fund is beyond the conception of both those who benefitted from it and those who supported it, and while all are deserving of thanks for their services, none of those who have been connected with this work will take any exception to the special mention of Mr. W. H. Lovering, for the constant and endless time he has devoted to the interest of the work.

Yours truly,

Richardson, Gowans & Watson,

Per Sinclair G. Richardson,

Honorary Auditors.

The Relief payments made since the foregoing report make the total of \$1,483,681.30, arrived at as follows:

1919	Pat. Fund	Post Discharge
May	\$ 16,641 06	
June	12,782 55	
July	6,701 15	\$ 1,044 75
August	4,051 45	2,299 49
September	2,733 91	4,043 30
October	2,042 80	2,133 66
November	1,417 00	2,589 89
December	854 00	4,431 00
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	\$47,227 02	\$16,542 09
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Relief payments to 30 April, 1919		1,419,912 19
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		\$1,483,681 30

**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION
HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH**

Relief Account, November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Balance October 31st, 1917, per last statement	\$	1,737	74
Received by requisitions from Ottawa	\$596,000	00	
Less:—Refunds transferred to Ottawa		21,949	82
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		\$574,050	18
April subscriptions not remitted to Ottawa		844	91
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		574,895	09
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	\$576,632	83	

PAYMENTS.

To Dependents for Relief	\$561,115	36
Less:—Refunds	17,166	35
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	\$543,949	01
To paid on account of Home Service	80	00
Administration Expenses:—		
Salaries	\$17,362	00
Stamps and petty cash	2,847	58
Supplies and expense	3,146	88
Campaign expenses re- funded, \$4,783.47		
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	23,356	46
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	\$567,385	47
Less:—Sundry adjustments	111	50
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	\$567,273	97
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Balance April 30th, 1918	\$9,358	86
Balance in Bank	\$9,339	88
Cash on hand	18	98
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As above	\$9,358	86

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30th, 1919

ASSETS.

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Total subscriptions and interest received and transferred to Ottawa	\$1,942,510 39
Less:—Nett requisitions received from Ottawa	1,477,272 08

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Nett subscriptions at Ottawa	\$ 465,238 31
Bank of Hamilton—Current account	9,339 88
Petty cash on hand	18 98
Loans to dependents	\$240 60
Less: Bank of Hamilton loan account	240 60

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Nett assets	\$ 474,597 17
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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Total subscriptions and interest to October 31st, 1917, per last statement	\$1,199,295 71
Subscriptions received November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	\$ 876,232 48
Interest received November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	2,201 47
	<u>878,433 95</u>

Total receipts of Fund	\$2,077,729 66
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Less:—Transferred to Ottawa to Oct. 31st, 1917	\$1,199,295 71
Transferred to Ottawa, Nov. 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	743,214 68
	<u>\$1,942,510 39</u>

273 97

Transferred to Canadian Red Cross Society	\$ 100,625 85
Transferred to Canadian Navy League	33,748 51
	<u>2,076,884 75</u>

358 86

Balance at Hamilton included in bank balance	\$ 844 91
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War Relief Work

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge

J. P. Bell

Robert Hobson

Geo. C. Copley

Norman Slater

R. K. Hope

W. H. Lovering, Chairman.

WAR RELIEF WORK

The great bulk of the work in connection with the Fund has naturally fallen on the members of the Relief Committee, all of whom have throughout the war been members of many other Organizations and active participants in all the appeals for war purposes, but all of whom have considered the Patriotic Fund their chief object of interest, none of them have sought to delegate more than absolutely necessary any of the Fund's work to others, and it is felt that this personal interest and activity, on the part of the Chairman of Relief and the other members of his Committee, has brought about the results shown.

At the formation of the local Fund, the staff consisted of an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, an Accountant, one Visitor and one Stenographer, in 1919 it had grown to 18, including four Visitors and five Stenographers, in addition to the Chairman of Relief, his Committee and other volunteers in various departments, whose services have been most valuable, and have lessened materially the cost of administration of the Fund. In 1919 it was found necessary to purchase a motor car for the use of the Visitors.

In 1914 the maximum number of families on the Fund was 543, which number grew to 2,750 in August, 1916. Since the inception of the Fund 4891 families have been given assistance, which means that about 14,673 persons have been brought within the scope of the work of the local Relief Committee, the total number of applications considered by the Committee in the general war work was 10,534, of which 919 were refused assistance. These applications included families returning to Hamilton from overseas, or other places of residence, mothers coming on the Fund by reason of changed circumstances, wives returning to Canada, transfers from other cities, and additional dependents and compassionate claims.

Allowances to these were based on the approved budget scale of the Fund, as varied from time to time, and were paid for a time half monthly, but with increasing numbers it became necessary to pay monthly, on the 15th of each month, and never throughout the whole war period were they delayed beyond that date.

ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Officers are members of the Relief Committee, which authorized all payments, regular or emergent, during the whole period of the existence of the local Fund. A comparison of the monthly payments is a sure indication of the amount of their work.

January, 1915.	\$ 8,857.30 to 526 families
January, 1916.	22,673.39 to 1464 families
January, 1917.	34,753.45 to 2218 families
August, 1917.	35,802.29 to 2750 families
January, 1918.	34,212.45 to 2167 families
January, 1919.	39,557.35 to 1471 families

This last large disbursement is accounted for by advances on account of coal purchases.

The Relief Committee handled over \$2,000,000. Every cheque required the approval of the Chairman of Relief, or one member of his Committee, and the signature of one other member, together with that of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. During practically the whole period of the war, every cheque was verified by the Chairman of Relief, in his absence the Vice-President, George C. Copley, one time Chairman of Relief, accepted that task. The President, Cyrus A. Birge, signed perhaps 70% of the 107,074 cheques issued to 31st of December, 1919, the balance being signed by George C. Copley, Robert Hobson, J. P. Bell, Norman Slater and R. K. Hope. This actual supervision of administration, collections and disbursements has produced the results obtained. It is pleasing to record that, in the total result, the administration expenses of the Fund, Head Office and Branches, have been covered by the interest earned on monthly bank balances, so that we can truly say to our subscribers, **"Every cent of every dollar you gave us has reached a soldier's home, or is in the bank to-day."** There has never been an act of dishonesty committed by any agent who has handled the money of the Fund. Not a dollar has been lost through theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of any sort.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF FAMILIES ON THE FUND SHOWED IN THE FALL OF 1918

3714	Wives without children.
557	Mothers.
57	Guardians.
27	Other classifications.
606	Families with one child each.
843	Families with two children each.
480	Families with three children each.
191	Families with four children each.
99	Families with five children each.
38	Families with six children each.
29	Families with seven children each.
9	Families with eight children each.
6	Families with nine children each.
4	Families with ten children each.

The Children being Classified as:—

317 Over 15 years,	2412 Between 5-10 years.
1748 Between 10-15 years,	1465 Under 5 years.

With this large number of people coming within the scope of the Fund, naturally many required special attention, many were necessarily placed in Homes, public and private, by their parents, or by the Fund. A typical monthly report of these shows such children placed as follows:—

Boys' Home 6	St. Mary's Orphanage . . . 12
Girls' Home 3	Private or Foster Homes . . 87
Infants' Home 6	Mountain Sanatorium . . . 20
Children's Shelter 4	

The Fund's visitors were never idle, nor were the office staff.

The year 1918 shows that 6288 home visits were made by the visitors, classified as:

Regular visits 4392	Special visits, by reason of
Special visits, by request 1620	illness 276

All, of course, being in addition to the office calls and interviews which were too numerous to permit of record or classification, but a monthly average in 1918 shows a daily record of:—

Mail received 104	Callers at Office 76
Mail despatched 55	

With the closing of the year 1919 there were on the regular list 17 cases where, by reason of the continuance in service of enlisted men, their families are entitled to the allowances made throughout the year. These will shortly be discharged and the Fund's war work concluded, when these families may have, if otherwise eligible, the benefit of the Post Discharge provisions of the Fund.

COMPASSIONATE GRANTS

These were given in many cases of extended illness, death, accident, confinements and emergency operations, were the circumstances warranted, and the Branch was aware of the need. Always a matter for special consideration, and growing more numerous as the cost of living increased, they added to the duties of the staff, and of the Chairman of the Relief Committee, whose recommendation was required before the grant was made, and involved a very large expenditure.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT

The Hospitals, City, Mount Hamilton and St. Joseph's, conceded generally, a 50% discount on all charges against the Branch for semi-private ward care, and a large amount of money was in consequence saved, and the benefit of hospital treatment assured to those requiring it. Many local Physicians and Surgeons gave services at a minimum charge, sometimes gratis, to cases requiring the Fund's financial aid.

GUARDIANSHIPS

For many reasons it was necessary that the Branch act as Administrator of the assigned pay, separation, or other allowances payable by reason of a man's enlistment, for the benefit of his wife and children. Chronic illness, insanity, desertion, immorality and neglect on the part of parent or guardian, being some of the causes for this.

These cases numbered 142, some of them being still active, and involved the distribution of \$43,611.10, in addition to the care and clothing of many children, the disposition and acquirement of furniture, homes, and dealing with insurance and other monies.

TRAVELLERS' AID

Early in the war a policy of allowing the return to England of the wives of Reservists and others having assured support in Great Britain, was followed, and assistance to that end was given to 35 families, at a cost of \$812.05.

The living conditions in England soon made it important that this practice be discontinued, and a number of these families were obliged to return to Canada.

With the cessation of hostilities the Fund found it necessary to take steps to meet and assist returning wives and children, and much work was done at the various ports. In Hamilton an arrangement was made with the Y. W. C. A. for an addition to their Travellers' Aid staff, the Branch contributing to the expense. The rapid demobilization made the matter a very difficult one, involving the meeting of day and night trains on telephoned and telegraphed information. It was physically impossible to meet all, due at times entirely to lack of advice, but about 100 trains were met, and 1,176 persons given some attention.

From the month of February, 1919, the Fund's visitors, using taxi-cabs, and when possible private conveyances, were unremitting in their attentions to these returning women and children, amongst whom were numbered 73 married during or subsequent to the war. In this connection the Fund, through the kindness of Messrs. Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, and the Officer i/c Transportation, installed 10 beds in the American Hotel building, arranging with the Y. W. C. A. for care and food for any who might require it. On the establishment of the Salvation Army Hostel in the building, an arrangement was made for the use of rooms by returning families at 50% discount on the regular charges, and many took advantage of this. This work involved an expenditure by the local Fund of \$774.30.

F. H. Rutherford and J. D. Armstrong, of the Rotary Club, of Hamilton, gave motor service to returning families when sufficient notice of arrival made it possible to do so.

FUEL SUPPLY

From time to time during its inception the Branch made arrangement in individual cases for a supply of fuel, but the winter of 1916-17 demonstrated the advisability of endeavoring to aid those in the care of the Fund to secure an adequate supply. During that winter over 500 tons of coal were purchased and delivered in half ton lots. In June, 1917, an endeavor was made to have those able to do so, arrange for their winter's supply of fuel. In the Fall of 1917 it became necessary to increase this service, 2,098 tons were purchased during that season. In 1918-19 the work in this Branch became heavier and the need greater. As a consequence there were supplied to dependents 3,942 tons of coal and a quantity of wood, coke and charcoal at cost to the Fund. In all these cases the cost was provided

by the Fund and repaid in instalments. Apart from small compassionate grants, there has been no loss to the Fund by reason of this service, which resulted in great alleviation of distress, and much relief of mind to the dependents. For the year 1918-19 this involved an outlay of about \$40,000. It is due to Gillies-Guy, Ltd., who supplied the greater part of this coal that their splendid services be recognized, in service and price they amply fulfilled their promise to give special recognition to all soldiers' dependents, for whom the Fund made application. In this connection mention should be made of the service of Mr. R. S. Wallace, who gave much time and thought to the necessary records for the various coal orders, interviewed, placated and advised those in urgent need, arranged for a fair distribution and prevented hoarding in order to make as easy as possible the difficult task of the dealers. Mr. Wallace's services had the effect of relieving the Relief Committee of much otherwise unavoidable work, and was of very great advantage to all parties concerned.

EQUALIZING INCOMES

In Hamilton the Branch gave assistance to the families of 35 soldiers of Great Britain and our Allies. The small pay of these soldiers made it necessary that their families in Canada should receive a larger allowance from the Fund than that granted to the dependents of Canadians, and many of these did receive that consideration. On the death of such soldiers a graver situation arose. The Fund, while not strictly authorized so to do, continued their payments to many of these families, and in order to equalize their inadequate pensions, the local Branch made payments to the amount of \$4,787.75. This will no longer be necessary in many of these cases by reason of the new pension arrangements, which make provision for all residents in Canada at the outbreak of the war.

RELIEF HOSPITAL

Perhaps the most important effort of the Fund was the provision of a "Relief Hospital" for soldiers' dependents during the epidemic of influenza in the winter of 1918. On the suggestion of the Chairman of Relief, and in conjunction with the President, an Emergency Hospital, was opened in "Ballinahinch," the Homestead of the late Edward Martin, K.C., generously loaned by his estate. The premises were secured on the 16th of October, 1918, and opened for patients on the 19th, with repaired plumbing, heating apparatus, beds and all needed supplies, and continued

without interruption to the 21st of December. There were treated in the hospital 107 patients. There were 4 deaths during the 1,215 days of residence of the patients. The Relief Committee had the good fortune to have associated with them a number of local ladies, who gave their services as nurses and V. A. D.'s at this hospital. Details of this work with the names of the staff of the hospital appear elsewhere in this report.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout its existence the Fund has ever co-operated with the various departments of the Government in all matters pertaining to pay and allowances, estates, transportation, repayments, compassionate discharge, furloughs and other matters arising out of the enlistment of men for war service. This has involved not only much correspondence, but much time on the part of interviewers and the Chairman of Relief, and much thought and consideration of the many problems presented. This co-operation has in many cases been of very material value to the Government in bringing about the return of overpaid moneys, or moneys paid in error, and the discontinuance of allowances to those not entitled. The Chairman of Relief, as a Commissioner for Oaths, was usually available in this connection, but to ensure expedition, three members of the staff were appointed Commissioners under Order-in-Council, and the Chairman of Relief and two of the staff were appointed by the Department of Militia and Defence to investigate with authority, matters affecting dependents in connection with that department. This work included the following, made at the request of the Governmental Departments:—

Separation allowance declarations	907
Questionnaires	1386
Dependents' applications,	333
War Service Gratuity, men's application	86
Repatriation	60
S. S. B. Ag. training applications	14

In addition to which all declarations regarding separation allowance made through other organizations were signed by the Chairman of Relief or the Secretary.

Very many reports were made in connection with the question of dependency, former support, marriage and service. The Fund has kept no record of these, but the number is great, as was the work involved.

BURIAL PLOT

It became early evident to the Relief Committee that provision should be made for the burial of dependents, who might die while their men were overseas, and there was purchased a plot in the Hamilton Cemetery under the perpetual care system. In this plot there are now buried 140 persons, 89 being infants, who died while their fathers were serving overseas, and including many wives of these men. A monument is to be erected in this plot to indicate to future generations one sad feature of the World War. Burials were also arranged in Holy Sepulchre, Dundas and Ancaster Cemeteries.

LEGAL AID

The Chairman of Relief, a lawyer, has aided many men and their families in the matter of preparing wills, sale agreements, adoption agreements, conveyances of land, chattel mortgages and leases, in Administration and Probate matters, in various dealings with the Estates Branch, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, and in other matters of a legal nature, always without remuneration. Other legal men have, from time to time, given valuable assistance as Commissioners of Oaths, and by way of advice and assistance to the Branch and those it served.

STORAGE

In connection with many cases of death and the breaking up of households, it became necessary to store, pending return of the man or other disposition of the goods, the former furnishings of the home. This has generally been done in the warehouse, connected with the former office of the Fund, and has been just one small item in connection with the special work from time to time done by the Branch.

THRIFT

As a result of the encouragement of the Fund 279 War Savings Certificates were purchased by the dependents. A number further added to their savings by the purchase of Victory Bonds of small amounts, and through the attitude of the Fund in the matter of Savings Bank accounts, quite a number were able to provide for domestic contingencies, and in many cases to wipe out old obligations of the husband or father. And many assumed useful and remunerative occupations.

HOME SERVICE

In their desire to be of real service it was always the endeavor of the Committee to offer help of every kind, and occasionally they were confronted with cases which, while not within the scope of their work, were, by reason of special circumstances, worthy of special consideration. In order to give aid in such cases a small fund was provided from Special Subscribers and this Special Relief was made available to 35 families, comprising 92 persons, at a cost of \$1,096.44. Most of these cases were connected with discharged men, and can now be given attention under the provisions for Post Discharge Relief.

LOANS

During the war period it often seemed desirable to make advances by way of loan where families were endeavoring to arrange a household budget, and during the course of the regular relief work 392 Loans were made, amounting to \$6,965.23. In some cases it was found necessary to convert these into Compassionate Grants, but the borrowers generally met their obligations to the satisfaction of the Committee.

FILING AND CORRESPONDENCE

The fact that there are at the present time about 8,000 correspondence files in the General Department, in addition to 593 in the P. D. Department, and some 10,000 cards in the various card indices indicates somewhat the vast amount of correspondence carried on in connection with the local Branch. Effective and valuable help has been given in this Branch by volunteers, among them being: Miss Ruth Frost, Miss Jane Simpson, Miss Isobel Scott and Miss Muriel Cartwright. The two latter being still in service in connection with the Filing Branch.

CIRCULARS TO DEPENDENTS

The Relief Committee have endeavored to encourage those in whom they were interested to bring their problems to the Fund, and to that end from time to time issued circulars bearing on special matters such as Bank Savings Accounts, War Savings Certificates, Coal Supply, Children's Health, Employment, School, Babies' Dispensary Clinic, Funeral and Medical expenses. The full purport of these circulars can be better understood by perusal of the reproduction of them appearing in this report. Very many took advantage of the Fund's service in many and varied ways.

The Fund's Reward

"THE FUND'S REWARD."

October 10th.

Dear Mr. Lovering:—

Just a few lines to you once more in answer to your ever welcome letter of September 4th.

It takes quite a long time to get here, but still, they are welcome when they do land, as it helps to break the monotony of the game.

I thank you and Dr. —— very much for interesting yourselves in my behalf, and some day I hope to repay you. It is some consolation to know that you have still got some **good friends**.

Dear Mr. Lovering, I am very glad to be able to say that I am still in the best of health, everything is going on fine, only when it rains, and Fritz gets a bit peeved, he kicks up a bit of noise for a time, but then he quiets down again.

Please give our Willie my best respects and kind regards if ever you see him.

I think I will close now, by wishing you good-night and the best of luck, I remain,

Your sincere friend,

France, February 31st.

Sir:—

Just a line to thank you for the help and attention you have given my wife and family since I came to France. I'm sure I appreciate it very much, and I can tell you it is a comfort to know that my family are comfortable at home, and helps me to "carry on" my work out here with a contented mind. My wife often mentioned the Patriotic in her letters to me, and how she makes ends meet with your help.

I thank you again, and wish the Patriotic every success, and may victory and peace be ours.

I remain,

Yours truly,

France, December 2nd.

Dear Sir:—

I have for some time been much impressed by the way the Hamilton Patriotic Society have so kindly helped the wives and children of the soldiers, who have thought it their duty to leave their homes and go to help fight the country's battle.

It is a great relief to know that the ones we have left behind are well cared for, and helped through the kindness of the Hamilton people, and personally I cannot let this season of the year pass without expressing my sincerest thanks for the aid of the Patriotic Society extended to my wife and children, and I know I am voicing the sentiments of all married men, who are with the Canadian Contingents.

Yours truly,

July 14th.

Dear Sir:—

I received your welcome letter and statement of June 2nd, which I am greatly indebted to you for, and also for disposing with my property, which I am very thankful for indeed.

I am more than pleased to hear of the good results you made with the sale, and also with the attention that you are paying towards my interests and the children, and also with you fulfilling my wish, by paying off Mr. ———. I feel more contented, now he is paid off.

I am very pleased to know that I have got one good friend in Hamilton that is looking after my welfare. The last letter I received from the Infant's Home, both the children are quite well, I don't think they could be better cared for, under the circumstances.

I am expecting a letter and photo any day now from the home.

I only hope and trust that we will all be spared to meet again.

Well, Sir, as regards the children, I don't know of anything else that I could do for them. I thank you very much for your kindness as regards wanting to fulfill any special wish that I required of them. If you think that there is something I have not done as would benefit them, please let me know. Everything is going on as well as can be expected with me. I have been away from the battalion since the 17th of May, in hospital, and now I am down at the base, but for how long, I could not say. Hoping you are in the best of health.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Dear Sir:—

I sit down to write you a few lines for the kindness in helping my dear wife, which she writes and tells me in one of her letters, in helping her to bear the expenses of our dear little girl, when she was in the Hamilton Hospital with sickness for eight weeks, by paying the four weeks for her. I know it would be very hard for her to bear the whole of the expenses alone, after the expenses of her own operation which she went under. I also pray that the Lord will bless your good work and the good people connected with the Society, which I know, by the generous offerings, you will be able to help thousands of men like myself from the dear city of Hamilton, fighting for the King and country, and for humanity and God, on the field of battle over in Flanders. I, myself, left Hamilton with the 86th Machine Gun Battalion, and was drafted to the 49th as a Company Machine Gunner. I came back to England from the Vimy Ridge last April the 12th, and on the mend; am doing fine, with the aid and good care taken of me in the hospital.

I will close my letter, wishing you every good success, and may God bless you all in the fair city of Hamilton.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sir:--

With regard to your request with cheque on the 15th, it is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of same. I have one child, but without the Patriotic money, it would have been impossible for me to have lived in a respectable home, as I have very poor health. Since my husband has enlisted, I have incurred doctor's bills amounting to over \$150, which I have nearly paid. I feel indebted to the Fund for their kindness, and thank them for their help. It would have been hard for my husband to have left me, but for the promise of the Fund to provide for us both, and it takes a great load off his mind to know, though far away for us both, we are being cared for. It is also nice to know that if any time one wants advice, it is nice to feel there is someone we are able to go to. Thanking you again for your kindness.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sirs:--

Just a line in acknowledgement of your kind assistance in the past, and to say that I thank you all for the great help you have been to me and my family of 8. I do not know what I should have done if it had not been for your Fund. It would have been a great struggle for me, as there is only one that can help keep himself. Well, it was a great sacrifice we both made when he enlisted, as we have been married 18 years, and never been parted for 10 days, and then he was in hospital, but I am proud of him, proud to think he had pluck and nerve enough to leave such a large family to go and do his bit, and was no shirker. Well, I have 3 boys, and if they were old enough, they should go, or I should not call them my sons. What their father could do, they could do also. Well, I have started a bank account, but am sorry to say I cannot save very much yet. Again thanking you for the kind help, I remain,

Yours truly,

An Organization formed in the interests of the relatives of the men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the Chairman of Relief of the Local Committee:--

"In connection with other matters I had the opportunity of investigating some of the work of your Patriotic Fund, and the look in that I got you will understand was not from your offices, but the very reverse, and I am glad to tell you to-day from what I know of Hamilton in this particular, I know of no other centre that could really show the same bill of health as does your Organization. I believe very largely, this is because you applied human, instead of official administration.

"At the time I was in Hamilton, I was a little anxious to reach from unofficial sources, information as to the inquisitorial features we had met elsewhere, and I am thankful to say I found them wholly absent in the impertinent, unnecessary sense of the word."

SOME OF THE WAR'S PROBLEMS

1. In June, this man left here for service. In August, his wife was still without assigned pay or separation allowance. The Hamilton Fund, by correspondence, obtained an adjustment of this, and pending that, provided for the wife and three young children. The wife had the misfortune to take in an undesirable boarder, separated from his wife. The Association made the woman's case one for special care and attention, and eventually found it necessary to invoke the aid of the Children's Aid Society, with the result that she was charged with being a person, unfit to have the care of the children. While the evidence did not disclose sufficient immorality to warrant the Magistrate in removing the children from the woman's custody, her allowance from the Fund was discontinued in the following March, with the result that she took a position, arranged for the care of her children, and eventually proceeded to the coast, where her husband could occasionally see her. The many interviews with this woman, and the consequent drastic methods, made her realize her position, and undoubtedly brought about the result of taking her from her demoralizing companions, and saving her from a permanent rupture with her husband.

2. The enlisted man had been earning \$15.00 a week, his wife, apparently always a bad manager, was handicapped by deafness. They were five children, and with the man's enlistment, she was in receipt of \$70.00 a month. She contracted debts for furniture, and the end of each month found her without ready money. The eldest child, a girl of eleven years, of necessity, did some of the buying, and the consequence was, undue extravagance and a growing waywardness on the part of the girl. The Fund arranged with a volunteer to receive the allowance from the Fund and disburse it on account of the children. The eldest child was sent to an industrial home temporarily, and the family placed on a better footing, generally. The man has since returned. The daughter was brought home, and the affairs of the family were in such a position that the man himself felt free to again enlist.

3. This man, an exceptionally desirable type of soldier, left his little family, to join the Second Contingent, happily situated in a nice home, with a N. C. O.'s pay and allowance. All seemed to go well until the wife developed a mental trouble, which made it necessary to remove her, first to the hospital, and then to an Asylum for Insane. The Fund took charge of the household placed the children in care of a competent housewife, kept the home intact, insurance, etc. paid, and made application for the

return of the enlisted man, which was granted. The wife's mental derangement was attributed to nervousness, caused by stories concerning the conditions of the men at the front, this prompt attention to the case undoubtedly resulted in a permanent cure of the unfortunate woman, and prevented the home from being broken up.

4. This man, before leaving for overseas, caused his wife considerable trouble. In this, the wife had appealed to the Fund, and her condition was benefited by that advice on more than one occasion. Among the friends of the man was one, who subsequently enlisted, but who made a point of calling on his friend's wife. To this, his own wife objected. When rumors of misconduct became more definite, notwithstanding careful investigation, nothing to warrant drastic measures was found. The wife, by mistaken charity, took into her house a young girl, whom she had before befriended, but who, unfortunately, had an unenviable reputation. The presence of this girl brought undesirable characters to the house, and the continued talk of the neighborhood had the result of embittering the soldier's wife, notwithstanding the repeated efforts of the Fund, she insisted on keeping this girl. It became necessary to take proceedings through the Children's Aid Society, and the two small boys were placed in a home. For a time, it appeared that this meant the final collapse of the woman's will power. Repeated interviews, some kindly acts, payments of old accounts, adjustment of back taxes, relief from pressing creditors, and interviews with the young woman, who was, to such an extent, the cause of the trouble, finally brought from the soldier's wife a promise that she would work and remove herself from her companions. This woman, for months, worked steadily, visiting her children regularly, buying clothes for them, and depositing monthly with the Patriotic Fund, her separation allowance and assigned pay, this being used towards payments on her home, and, in addition, made some deposits of money earned by herself, by her daily work in a factory.

5. A former recipient from the Fund suffered from kleptomania, which resulted in a charge of theft. Owing to the considerable amount involved, and the possibility that the small children might suffer, the Fund saw fit to intervene in her affairs, with the result that they found that she had made an improvident arrangement, in the adjustment of matters with her former employers. As a result of the Fund's interference, the party in question received only what was reasonable, and the woman's moneys have been safely invested for her. This woman

has since been located in another city, and is under the care of the Social Service Organization, who, at the request of the Fund, are helping her to live down the notoriety obtained, and prevent the children from suffering from the common knowledge of their mother's misfortune, in their former place of residence.

6. A young girl complained of misconduct on the part of her mother, which, being proved, resulted in the daughter's removal from the home, secured in a position, provided with some financial support and assured of the non-interference of the mother and her alleged paramour. The Fund's allowance to the mother was, of course, discontinued.

7. The wife of an N. C. O., who had the misfortune to receive a lengthy sentence for an offence while on service, resulting in his degradation and the cessation of allowance, came to Hamilton to avoid the notoriety of this condition in her home town. The local Fund investigation brought to light the fact that the man, a splendid soldier, had committed bigamy on leave. The wife and children were provided with temporary assistance and transportation to the home of her parents, where she is now able to have her children properly cared for, while she earns the moneys necessary for their support.

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Reproductions of Circulars

*To the Wives and Mothers
of the Men in Training
and at the Front.*



We have endeavored during the past fifteen months to administer the benefits of this Fund to the best of our knowledge and ability, with due regard to the merits and necessities of each particular case. While errors or mistakes may have occurred, it is always a pleasure to have them pointed out and rectified.

Some of these errors are probably the outcome of an imperfect system, but many are caused by the applicants to the Fund themselves. We believe that while we strive to help those entitled to our aid, they also can do much towards helping us, and more particularly can they assist us to preserve and guard the resources of the Fund.

It is only with the knowledge that the money so given is being honorably used, that the donors will be satisfied to replenish the Fund when it is required, and we, therefore, ask each and every one of you to notify us promptly of any improper receipt or improper use of the

money that may come under your notice, so that no injustice can be pointed to and no reflection made in connection with the administration or use of the Fund. We wish you to feel that in this Fund you have a friend, to whom you may come at any time for information or advice in all matters pertaining to your welfare. In all emergencies appeal to this office and not to other agencies, and always your confidence will be respected.

We expect of you that you establish and encourage a high standard of living in your neighborhood. To do this, all care should be directed to PAYMENT OF JUST DEBTS, careful spending, proper housing, regular attendance at church, the children's school attendance and a CAREFUL CHOICE of FRIENDS and company. The Fund will not tolerate the non-payment of bills for food and rent, and wishes to discourage the purchase of unnecessary furnishings, books and musical instruments, the payment for which may extend over a longer period than your allowance from the Fund. The Fund is for those in NEED. ALLOWANCES may at any time BE CHANGED TO SUIT THE NEEDS of the recipients,

and extravagance will tend to lessen rather than increase the allowances of those who practise it.

Let us again remind you of the advisability of STARTING A SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT and putting aside something regularly in order to accumulate a fund in case of trouble, sickness, or to make you independent when the soldier returns and is looking for work.

Any of the Banks will take deposits of \$1.00 or more at a time. Will you do this today, or will you put it off?

We desire to extend to you the Season's Greetings with the hope that the next New Year will see the end of the World War, which is now being waged, the Safe Return of our Soldier and a Happy Re-union for All of You.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND,
HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,
President.

W. H. LOVERING,
Chairman of Relief.

JANUARY, 1916.

SAVE AND SERVE!

The War will last many months. **Saving now** will make life easier for you on your Soldier's return.

A **Bank Account** is evidence that you appreciate this Fund.

If you have not opened one **do it now**. Use the enclosed Cheque, it may not long be so large. This Fund takes on more families every month, but contributors do not increase to the same extent.

Have you any spare time to use?

Perhaps **you** without neglecting your home, can take up some former work, some work you are fitted for, or prepare yourself to do so.

This will give you a chance to save.

English, French and Belgian women are doing manual labor and living on bare necessities.

Factories, Stores, Fruit Growers need helpers, and the Allies need their output to supply increasing demands.

Many homes need assistants. The pay in all these cases is good, the need is great and growing.

Allowances do not stop when you go to work.

You can save all your wages.

How many will help to supply the demand?

How many soldiers' wives, mothers, sisters and children will show they appreciate the growing need for "Service and Saving"? Are you one of these who will? If so, send in your name and address, and say what you are willing to do.

Remember it means no stoppage of allowance from the Fund.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

CYRUS A. BIRGE,
President,

W. H. LOVERING,
Chairman of Relief,

Dated September, 1916.

To the Wives and Mothers of Enlisted Men.

The close of another year finds this Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund still taking care of the dependents of our soldiers who are overseas or in training. It also brings with it the necessity for once again appealing to the public for means with which to continue this service.

We are having to face the complaint that we have been "too generous," that many of the women receiving allowances have been "wasteful and extravagant." We feel that this is not true except in few cases.

Seldom do we have even an acknowledgement of our monthly cheque, and we wish now that you would **ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ONE**, and at the same time tell us **IN WHAT WAY WE HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN THE PAST**, and in what position you would be if this Fund were no longer able to make you the usual allowance. **WE WISH TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE PUBLIC "your side of the story" in our coming Campaign.**

We hope to hear from you, and please give your soldier's number, rank and battalion, and your present address.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO START A BANK ACCOUNT? You may tell us without fear of any change being made in your allowance on that account. We have encouraged saving. We have encouraged working. Have you in any way been able to add to your income? If so, we will be glad to know. **WE WANT TO HELP YOU TO BE INDEPENDENT.**

Unfortunately the end of the War is not yet in sight, and when the end does come there must be further delay in finding suitable employment for the many men, who have gone from Canada. Remember this in your expenditure and **SAVE A LITTLE** every month.

We desire to extend to you once again the Season's Greetings, and to renew the hope that the coming year will bring back to you your soldier, and that he too may be able to say that **THIS FUND HAS BEEN AN AID TO HIM** during the days of your separation.

W. H. LOVERING,

December, 1916.

Chairman of Relief

An acknowledgement of each cheque is not required, but ALL WHO HAVE NOT given their soldier's Number, Rank and Unit must do so now to avoid delay in future cheques.

All changes in soldier's Rank, INCREASES IN SEPARATION ALLOWANCE, discharges, returns, etc. and any change of your address must be promptly reported to this Fund.

Bring any complaint regarding Allowance, Assigned Pay, Separation Allowance or soldier's accounts to this Fund that every assistance may be given you.

"ASSOCIATED FIELD COMFORTS" WANTS KNITTERS ON SOCKS. If you have any spare time they will be glad to use it supplying the wool, which may be had at 151 Hughson St. South, or on market days at 7 James St. North, C. N. R. Office. ALL THESE SOCKS GO TO THE MEN IN THE TRENCHES IN FRANCE and to those who really need them and have no other means of Supply. Keep this in mind SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY SPARE MOMENTS and tell any one else who may help.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

FEBRUARY 1917

52 KING STREET EAST

PHONE 6850

SAVE FOR YOUR SOLDIER'S RETURN

You have already had a circular from the Government as to War Saving Certificates, perhaps you have already bought one, if not, this Fund will assist you to do so, or to buy another.

If you will sign the enclosed card instructing us to retain from your allowance \$3.50 for five months and \$3.75 for the sixth month, beginning with April 15th, we, for this \$21.15, will secure for you a War Certificate for \$25.00, if you have been entitled to an allowance during the preceeding six months.

This Certificate will be registered at Ottawa in your name. At the end of the full term of three years it will have earned for you 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per year.

This means no work or trouble for you. It may be the commencement of your savings. Every dollar lent the Government is secured to you, and helps to win the War. Only those who reply on enclosed card will be considered.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND
HAMILTON & WENTWORTH BRANCH

March 15th, 1917.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

It is probable that there will be again a shortage of coal during the coming Winter. You are advised to purchase now as much as you can store and have it delivered. If necessary this Fund may be able to help you by an advance to cover the cost, deducting it in monthly instalments. Please advise us if you need such assistance.

Agents from Child Welfare Bureau will call during the coming weeks—please receive them kindly and give the information asked ; it is for your Children's good, and will be a great help to future children.

JUNE, 1917.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

Those who authorized the Fund to retain a portion of their allowance each month, since April, for the purchase of War Saving Certificates are notified that the amount retained this month, viz : \$3.75, is the balance required to complete the purchase and the Government Certificates will we hope, reach the owners with the next monthly payment.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Fund requires to be notified of any children for whom allowances is paid, who **HAVE NOT RETURNED TO SCHOOL AND ARE WORKING.** This is **IMPORTANT**, and difficulty in the future will be avoided if the notification is sent in at once.

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1917.

This month the Relief Committee has, in some cases, made a small addition to the monthly allowance, which will be continued during the winter months. It is hoped that if you have received such increase it may be found useful and you will ADVISE US OF ITS RECEIPT.

You are reminded that where a child has reached the age of 15 years the Committee, in certain cases, may agree to the continuation of the allowance, provided the child is retained in school. It is necessary to advise us when any child is working.

KEEP UP YOUR INSURANCE, SAVE A LITTLE EACH MONTH, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND BE CAREFUL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

We are always at your service for any advice on any matter. Notify us always in case of illness or death—we may be able to save much expense. Telephone 6850-6851.

BUY A VICTORY BOND if you can, TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO BUY ONE, AND BRING THE VICTORY NEARER.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

Hamilton, November, 1917

52 KING STREET EAST

PHONE 5850

It is hoped that during the past 39 months the Canadian Patriotic Fund has in some small measure been of assistance to the wives, mothers and children of Hamilton's splendid representatives in the World War.

The year 1917 has brought an increase in the Separation Allowances to the wives of Privates. **No reduction will be made in Patriotic Fund Allowances on account of such increase**, which will take effect during the present month and be adjusted in January.

The Hamilton and Wentworth Branch of the Fund extends to you the Season's Greetings, and assures you of a continued interest in yourself and your affairs. If any request has been overlooked, or any letter remains unanswered, it is because of the pressure of work, and a reminder of the particular matter will bring a prompt and, we hope, a satisfactory reply.

W. H. LOVERING,
CHAIRMAN OF RELIEF.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,
PRESIDENT.

HAMILTON, DEC. 15TH, 1917.
52 KING ST. E.

Canadian Patriotic Fund

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW ON THE FUND,
OR WHO MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO BE
PLACED UPON IT. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
AND PRESERVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS.

When you first apply for benefit from the Fund, please bring certificate of marriage and birth certificates of your children.

Inform the office of the date on which the soldier enlisted, went into Camp or Barracks. Certificate will be required from Officer or the Militia Department.

Inform the office of the promotion of the soldier to higher rank and any change in amount of **Separation Allowance**. **If you are receiving more than \$25.00 advise at once.**

Notify the office of any addition to or death in the family, and send or bring certificate of birth. See that the office is informed of wages paid by the husband's employer. In no case must an allowance be accepted from the Fund where part of the soldier's former wages are being paid to anyone, or placed to the soldier's credit, except **by permission** of the Relief Committee.

Notify the Fund at once of the return or discharge of the soldier.

It is illegal to cash your cheque after the soldier is returned or discharged.

If in any doubt whether a portion of the amount belongs to you, return the cheque and what is due will be paid.

Notify the office of every change of address, otherwise cheques may be delayed.

Should you leave the City or County, ask to have your account transferred to the Branch where you are going to reside.

Indiscreet conduct or neglect of homes and responsibilities, may lead to a reduction or cancellation of the monthly grant. Try to exercise economy, to avoid debt in the absence of the soldier, and as rapidly as possible try to discharge any old debts.

Open a bank account if possible. Try to save something each month, if only a dollar, and put it in a Bank. See that the soldier's Insurance, Interest and Instalments on his house are regularly paid.

Pay and Allowances from the Government and the Fund continue until discharge, grant, or refusal of Pension, but some reduction may be made or the allowance reduced in case of outpatients on subsistence allowance.

The **maximum** monthly allowances will for the present be made **within** the following scale.

1. **Childless Wives**, married before enlistment where the requirements of the Fund are complied with, \$5.00 and, in some cases, \$10.00.
2. **Wives Married After Enlistment**, no allowance except under special health conditions. If a child is born, such wives will be treated as mothers married before enlistment except in special cases.
3. **Children** under 5 years \$3.00, 5 to 10 \$4.50, 10 to 15 \$7.50, but **only one of each** of the last two classes allowed at the maximum rate.
4. No allowance to any family may exceed \$40.00.
5. **Widowed Mothers**, will receive approximately what the son contributed to the household at the time of enlistment, minus the cost of his keep, but not exceeding in any case \$10.00. Where the mother is **not a widow** the consideration of applications will be governed by the existing circumstances. In all such cases an assignment of at least one-half the soldier's pay to the mother is required.
6. **Women** whose domestic duties do not require their attention **are encouraged to work** and save for their husband's return. **No deduction** will be made on account of working, except for very special reasons.
7. No deduction will be made for casual earnings.
8. Where women formerly working decide not to continue working the Committee reserves the right to discontinue or refuse any allowance.
9. **A Widower's Children** will receive such allowance as may be necessary in the particular case, if in the care of a proper guardian.
10. No allowance is made to families or dependants of men enlisting in Home Service Units or for Home Service Duties.
11. **Draftees** under the Military Service Act will be given similar consideration, but any of their wives married on or after December 10, 1917, will be considered as married after enlistment.

case of outpatients on subsistence allowance.

Allowances are payable by cheque on the 15th of each month and to that date.

Compassionate Grants are made only in cases of Exceptional hardship. Present allowances should provide for all ordinary requirements. Advice will be given in all cases of illness and death and the Fund will ensure a minimum of expense if consulted before definite arrangements are made. A Plot in the Hamilton Cemetery is available for the dependents of soldiers.

Advice regarding Pay, Allowances, Debts, Insurance, etc. is always available.

The office of the Fund, 52 King St. East, is open daily from 9 a. m. to 5.00 p. m., Saturday 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Applications for relief should be made between 10 and 12. The Relief Committee can be seen between 4 and 5 p. m. or by appointment at the Office of the Fund.

Telephone Nos. 6850 and 6851.

Please assist the officials, by informing them of any abuse of the Fund of which you may be aware. Such information will be treated as confidential. Whatever help you give the Fund in this way will benefit yourself and others.

These instructions are given in the interests of the soldiers and their dependents, and of the Fund and those who support it.

Your careful observance of them will be gladly appreciated by the officials of the Fund.

April, 1918.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

W. H. LOVERING, Chairman.

CYRUS A. BIRGE	N. SLATER	GEO. C. COPPLEY
ROBT. HOBSON.	R. K. HOPE.	J. P. BELL

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, D. T. ALMOND

Visitors, MRS. HALL, MRS. BOWLBY, MRS. DAVIS
MRS. REID MRS. LAWLOR
Hospital Visitors, MESSES HASLETT

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH.

There will certainly be a shortage of coal during the coming Winter. You are advised to purchase NOW as much as you need, if you can store it, and have it delivered. If you will provide half the cost, this Fund will advance the remainder (our limit cost of 3 tons), deducting it in instalments, or this Fund will place the order with your dealer on the same terms. *Lose no time in deciding on your wants, as this offer is only open for a short period. Coal can be had NOW; it may not be available later on. Call at the Fund office, 52 King Street East, on receipt of this. DON'T DELAY.*

MAY, 1918.

*The coal situation this Winter will be a **SERIOUS** one, local dealers will do their very best, but you are asked to **CONSERVE COAL** as much as possible. Don't start your coal fire until you must. Use **WOOD** if possible, especially in the Fall days. Orders for wood will be accepted **NOW**. Use **COAL OIL OR GAS** if you have a proper stove, during the cold spells and when your coal is delivered, if you are compelled to use it, give special attention to your stove or furnace that you may get the best results. Remember **COAL IS SCARCE**. If you have not placed your coal order, it might be well to see Mr. Wallace at Fund Headquarters, 52 King St. East.*

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CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND, HAMILTON & WENTWORTH BRANCH.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Separation Allowance to be paid in future to N. C. O's and men of the C. E. F. will be at the rate of \$30.00 a month. This payment will be made as from September, and adjustment cheque should reach you in December. This increase of Separation Allowance **WILL NOT REDUCE THE ALLOWANCES** which may now or hereafter be **PAID BY THIS FUND**, but will be an additional income of \$5.00 per month to those now receiving Separation Allowance.

Coal orders are now being filled as rapidly as possible.

The epidemic of Spanish Influenza has delayed the work of our visitors, but they will, at as early a date as possible, call on you.

Consult us in case of need. Phone R-6850-6851.

W. H. LOVERING, Chairman.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH

52 KING STREET EAST

Are your children attending school regularly?

Are any working? Let us know.

In view of the prevalence of Spanish Influenza you will do well to bear in mind the rules laid down by the Board of Health regarding the care of yourself and your children. Do not hesitate to keep the latter from school, should there appear any signs of illness, and **send for a Doctor** and advise us.

The Relief Committee is now working on a new scale of allowances for all those having children, based on their number and not their age, and it is hoped it will be brought into force within a short time. Please furnish our Visitors who may call on you with any information asked. It is required for the purpose of dealing uniformly with all the families.

Telephones :
Regent 6850-6851

OCTOBER, 1918

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

The Relief Committee has this month, in some cases, where there are children to be considered, made an addition to the monthly allowance. During the month an increase in Separation Allowance to the wives of privates and N. C. O's will be adjusted. **No deduction has been made by reason of this additional allowance on the part of the Government**, and it is hoped that all receiving allowances from the Fund, will during the period during which they are in receipt of these allowances, be able to meet all obligations and save a little in anticipation of the return and discharge of the soldier. **If you have received any additional allowance from the Fund please acknowledge it. Should your soldier return home please advise us promptly. If your boy is over 15 years or your girl over 16 years, or if any of them are working advise us also.**

We have endeavored during the epidemic of Influenza to give assistance to those most in need, this has caused a great strain on the office staff, and we must ask this notification to prevent any misunderstanding. As during the past fifty months, the Relief Committee is still at your service on any matter. **Notify us always in case of illness or death, we may be able to save much expense and anxiety.** Telephones Regent 6850, 6851.

The Relief Committee recommend to your notice the **Canadian Government War Savings and Thrift Stamps**, these may be purchased at Post Offices, Banks and many other agencies.

The Relief Committee appreciate the splendid record of the wives and dependents of Hamilton soldiers, and at this Christmas season wish to extend to them best wishes and to express the hope that the New Year may see all those who may be free to return, safely established again in their homes, and that these homes may be a matter of pride to all of them.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,

President,

December 1918.

W. H. LOVERING

Chairman of Relief.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

52 King Street East

You are again reminded that you should advise us promptly when the soldier is discharged. **NOTE the ENDORSEMENT on your cheques.** If in doubt in the matter come to the office and if the soldier has been discharged for a month **DO NOT CASH THE CHEQUE UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE INQUIRIES.**

In all cases where you need assistance with documents or any matter connected with the soldier's service we are at your service at any time. Remember that we can always assist in illness and death.

APRIL, 1919.

Telephones : R 6850-1

POST DISCHARGE RELIEF

COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge	Geo. C. Copley
J. P. Bell	Norman Slater
R. K. Hope	Lt.-Col. R. A. Robertson
Lt-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C.	Col. Wm. Hendrie

W. H. Lovering, Chairman.

LADIES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. C. Hawkins	Mrs. W. H. Lovering
Mrs. H. S. Griffin	Miss G. M. Fairley
Mrs. D. Baldwin	Miss C. Crerar
Mrs. P. J. Myler	Miss E. E. Gibson

Emily F. Macpherson	Secretary
Lt.-Col. Geo. S. Rennie, C.M.G.	Medical Advisor
Lt. Alex. MacFarlane, M.C.	Legal Advisor

"The true victory will lie, not so much in the actual tactical gains on the battlefield to-day as in the quality of the men who have to carry on the work of the country after the war. War kills off the best of a nation's manhood; therefore, extra care must be exercised to save every child—not for its own sake or for its parents' sake, but for the sake of the nation. It has got to be saved, saved from infant mortality, then from ill-health, and finally from drifting into being waste human material. We have got to economize our human material. Each individual must be made, (1) healthy and strong, (2) endowed with character, for becoming a valuable citizen for the State."—Baden-Powell.

"You shall see it ended,

This mighty work to which your souls are set;
If from beyond—then, with the vision splendid,
You shall smile back and never know regret."

With the conclusion of the war, and the rapid demobilization, certain problems, at the time apparently insignificant, but which bade fair to assume considerable proportions, if not adequately dealt with, arose in various centres, and indicated the need for preparation to meet them. The chief among these was the problem of post war relief, as it concerned the wives and dependent relatives of discharged soldiers. According to the generally accepted interpretation of the Act by which the Fund was incorporated, financial assistance could be extended to soldiers' families, only so long as the man was actually on active service. On his discharge and return home, presumably resuming his domestic responsibilities, the supplementary assistance formerly enjoyed by the family from the Fund, came to an end, and theoretically, at least, on the discharge of the last man on the books of the Fund, all accounts would be closed. It soon became apparent to those closely connected with the work of the Fund, that the ideal conditions, which would permit the soldier's family to no longer require the financial and personal help and interest of the Fund and its various Committees, would not be realized. It was realized that emergencies would arise in the reconstituted soldiers' families, living as many do, with no chance to provide for such emergencies, and the question was being asked, "Shall such cases be relegated to the care of ordinary local agencies for civilian relief?"

After a good deal of consideration on the part of Sir Herbert Ames, who, as the founder of the Fund, and primarily responsible for the wonderful organization created, felt that there was still work to be done by the Fund, it was decided, ultimately, to ask for an amendment to the Act incorporating the Fund, to permit of utilizing the moneys which might remain unexpended in the hands of the Fund for purposes of Post Discharge Relief.

Whether the Canadian Patriotic Fund should seek the powers to assume post-discharge responsibility, was for some time a much-debated question. There were good reasons why it should not do so, but the problem became so pressing and the need so immediate, that at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, held on May 30th, it was decided to petition Parliament to enact such amending legislation as would permit the Fund "to receive, collect, administer and distribute the Fund hereinbefore mentioned, for the assistance, in case of need, of the wives, children and dependents, resident in Canada, of officers and men, who, during the war that began in August, 1914, may be, **or may have been**, engaged on active service with the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty's Allies." An act to this effect was passed on July 1st, 1919.

The Fund believes that the Canadian Public feels that, while the State can hardly be expected to assume the responsibility for post-discharge disabilities, physical or otherwise, no deserving and self-respecting family of a man, within the scope of the Fund's work, should be entirely cut adrift in times of distress.

Regular monthly assistance may now be given in the following cases:—

- (1) Chronic or extended **illness of the bread-winner** including insanity, where no pension is to be had, and where illness is **not due** to post-discharge, intemperance or improper conduct, where he is rendered wholly or partially unable to properly support his family. Minor illnesses are not to be considered, tuberculosis, epilepsy, major operations, confinements, where properly certified to by the Fund's medical advisor, will be considered.
- (2) Chronic or **extended illness of the mother**, or of the child, or other dependent, involving expenditure beyond the ability of the ex-soldier to provide.
- (3) Death of the ex-soldier **prior to January 1st, 1921**, after discharge, but from causes not due to service and non-pensionable.
- (4) Deserted wives and deserted children **where the desertion took place within three months** after the man's reunion with family.
- (5) **Widowed mothers** and aged parents left without the support of a son, who was their former sole support, or substantial support, where there are no other children able to assume the responsibilities, including a widowed mother, whose son has married, and died during military service, where the pension is paid to his widow.
- (6) **Unmarried wives** with children, who have been recognized during the war as dependents, but who have been abandoned by the soldier, within three months after discharge.
- (7) **Disabled soldiers of the Allies** with families, where allowance provided by their Governments are insufficient, and the soldier is incapacitated at least 50%.

Temporary or emergency assistance may be given in the following cases:—

- (1) Where Government moneys are delayed or gone astray.
- (2) In cases of illness or accident to the soldier temporarily incapacitating him from supporting his dependents.
- (3) Death entailing expense of medical treatment and funeral expenses.
- (4) Where there is an application for increased pension, or for re-examination on an application for pension, or application for treatment or training under the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, where there is a likelihood that the man will be admitted.
- (5) Imperial soldiers taking vocational training or treatment under the S. C. R. **Allowances for children physically or mentally infirm** may be continued beyond the age of 16, and may be continued for children following and making satisfactory progress in any **course of instructions or training** approved by the Fund up to the age of 21 years.

As a general principle of the Fund **no assistance** will be given **unless** the man saw active service **outside of Canada**, **no assistance** will be given **to able-bodied childless wives** and no claim on behalf of a wife married **after the ex-soldier's discharge** shall be considered, nor shall the dependents, who return to Canada after January 1st, 1920, be considered eligible for assistance.

Consideration is to be had of **potential earnings** of wife and children or other dependents, and of any liquid assets the family may have available.

In all cases War Service Gratuity, allowances from the S. C. R. and Board of Pension Commissioners are to be taken into consideration. The ordinary **Canadian pension** is to be, **generally speaking, considered sufficient**, and no grant may exceed the pension scale in force. **Self help** is to be encouraged to the fullest extent. **Unemployment** of the ex-soldier **will not, of itself, constitute a claim** for assistance if he is fit to work, voluntary idleness, or non-employment, due to improper conduct of the ex-soldier or other adult of the family living with them, should debar the family from receiving assistance. **Every effort will be made to avoid the danger of creating a class that will tend to relax personal effort and lean on public benevolence.**

All loans, advances or assistance must, of course, be made to the dependents. It is understood that the Fund cannot take care of the needs of single men or men without dependents.

In cases of desertion by the man, every effort will be made to trace the deserter, and make him assume his obligations, and, where possible, an application will be made to divert to his wife any gratuity, or other moneys due him.

LOCAL POST DISCHARGE WORK

This is being carried on with great benefit to a number of local families. At the request of the National Executive, the County of Halton has been included in the Fund's jurisdiction, under the Relief Committee, augmented by Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col. R. A. Robertson, and Col. William Hendrie, whose interest in the object of the Fund cannot be doubted. To date there have been considered 593 applications in this connection. These are of an interesting and varied nature, covering the deserted wife, the mother whose son has married, the widow whose husband's pension is not available to her by reason of the cause of death, the needs of new-born children, the adjustment of domestic disagreements, the need of Sanatorium treatment for mothers and children, assistance in procuring homes, and the necessary advances by way of loan against War Service Gratuity to encourage these. A classified statement of the local work is interesting:

Number of post-discharge cases	593
Number of persons involved	2256
Number of regular monthly grants	31
Reasons for application:—	
(1) Death	10
(2) Chronic illness of man	40
(3) Illness in family	66
(4) Confinements	40
(5) Emergency relief	68
(6) Home purchases	16
(7) Death of soldier, no pension	5
(8) Desertion of soldier	37
(9) Desertion of wife	3
(10) Death of wife	3
(11) Death of children	8
(12) Funeral and medical expenses	18
(13) Marriage of son	6
(14) Delayed monies	149
(15) Hospital treatment	25
(16) Equalization of pension	8
(17) Applications to divert man's allowance	14
There are now undergoing hospital treatment	9
Children in Homes, with payments by or through the Fund	21
In Sanatorium at Fund's expense	3

Loans to date	\$10,715 44
Compassionate allowance to date	6,779 61
Monthly grants to date,	3,860 23
Total disbursed to date.	\$21,355 28

The maximum allowances permitted to be made in these cases are practically those approved of by the Board of Pension Commissioners. The local Committee has a wide scope in their consideration of all cases. They meet weekly. The Chairman is available daily for emergency grants and problem cases. Geo. C. Coppley is in charge of the Loan Department; Col. Hooper of cases involving diversion of pay. From time to time, as new problems arise, they are submitted by local Committees to the Advisory Committee at Ottawa, on which Hamilton is represented by its Chairman of Relief, W. H. Lovering, and where the need seems to warrant new regulations and variations of policy are from time to time promulgated.

The staff of the Fund will, for the purposes of Post Discharge work, require to be kept intact for some time to come. Recently there has been added to it Miss Emily F. Macpherson, for some years District Secretary of the Charity Organizations Society, Edinburgh, and Miss Helen Wright, during the War, an Overseas Nursing Sister, who, with Mrs. P. H. W. Davis, Mrs. E. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. B. Lawlor and Mrs. P. Reid, are available always for both office and home visits, and to give aid in promptly considering applications for assistance and in giving service of any helpful nature to those within the scope of the Post Discharge work of the Fund.

The Fund is in conjunction with Mr. R. B. Barron, London, England, doing considerable work in many complicated matters arising out of the War, the unmarried mother, bigamous marriages, and the illegitimate child, are items naturally consequent on war conditions. The husband, separated from his family by discharge in England, his former home, sometimes wishes to arrange for the return of his family in Canada, the location of men who have sought to re-establish themselves in Canada, such matters are looked into, both here, in England and the United States. In the latter country much helpful service has been rendered by the Civilian Relief Department of the American Red Cross Society. Of necessity, such cases cannot be made a matter for statistics, but they have involved a great deal of time and consideration on the part of the Chairman of the local Committee and the Staff.

LOANS

The work of Post Discharge Relief early showed the desirability of permitting married men to commute their War Service Gratuity to enable them to acquire homes by a substantial cash payment, or to meet exceptional demands, and accordingly the Hamilton Branch undertook to make loans against the War Service Gratuity, and aided further in the case of home purchases by tendering the services of a competent land valuator, and by verifying the title to the property being purchased. The Chairman of Relief doing much of this work, 16 loans of this class have been made, of amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500.

One hundred and eighty-four other loans have been made, involving in all \$8,599.61.

Repayments in all cases have been most satisfactory, and in the cases of home purchase all have proved of great benefit to the men and their families.

As the provisions for Post Discharge Relief become known, more opportunities for service to those for whom they were framed will present themselves. Each month shows an increased number of applications, and an increase in the number of cases referred to the Relief Committee by individuals and organizations interested in soldiers' dependents. Particulars of the scope of the Fund's work have been sent to many persons and organizations who have an opportunity of learning of cases which the Fund may be permitted to aid. It is most desirable that the resources of the Fund be utilized as intended, and to that end the co-operation of every person and organization is sought, always with careful and sympathetic consideration be given to all applications, and whenever possible prompt relief will be granted or the required aid provided. The Fund's officers and Staff are ever at the service of ex-members of the Forces and those dependent on them, to the fullest extent of their ability.

Regular allowances are based on the number in the family, emergency grants on the particular needs. Hospital, Medical and Surgical treatment and Funeral Expenses can always be arranged for at a minimum of expense if the Fund be given an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements.

SOME POST DISCHARGE PROBLEMS

1. Widowed mother, aged 46. Only son enlisted May, 1915, saw service in France and was invalided home, March, 1918, and discharged May, 1918. Now inmate of an Insane Asylum, from causes not due to service. Mother has two daughters, aged 21 and 23, latter also confined to Insane Asylum, and former contributes small amount to Mother's support. Allowance of \$32.00 monthly granted by Fund from Aug. 1st, 1919. Application for pension being made.

2. Widow, aged 30, and 1 child 11 months old. Husband enlisted April 1915, discharged November 1917, after seeing service in Canada, England and France. Died November, 1918. Widow not eligible for pension and has no means of support for self and child. Husband was in receipt of pension of \$6.80 per month up to time of death. Applicant granted an allowance of \$60.00 monthly. Case to be reconsidered one year from date of commencement, August 1st, 1919.

3. Wife, aged 48, five children under age limit, also one daughter aged 20 and one son aged 19, former suffering from tuberculosis. Soldier served with forces in Canada and France; enlisted Jan., 1916, discharged Nov., 1918. Now taking vocational course under D. S. C. R. Application being made to pay expenses of daughter while undergoing treatment in Sanatorium. Applicant received assistance from Canadian Patriotic Fund during soldier's military service. Grant of \$30.00 monthly to be paid while daughter is in Sanatorium. Case to be reconsidered when soldier has completed his Vocational training.

4. Wife aged 30 and 2 children aged 10 and 8 years. Husband British Reservist, recalled August 1914, discharged May 1918. Granted a pension from Imperial Government of \$9.97 per month. Is now receiving medical treatment in Military Hospital under D. S. C. R., being paid allowances on Imperial scale. Family have no other means of support. Allowance of \$44.00 per month, granted to bring income up to the same as that received by former member of C. E. F.

5. Wife aged 35 years and 4 children, aged 11, 9, 7 and 2 years. Husband saw service in France, enlisted May 1915, discharged March 1917, died of pneumonia March, 1918. At time of death was in receipt of pension for himself and family totalling \$35.00 per month, besides salary of \$100.00 per month as secretary. Left small insurance, also home, mortgaged, small pen-

sion granted to widow on account of children—none for self. Children must be cared for, and is unable to do heavy work. Grant of \$48.00 monthly allowed, provided woman ceases work to take care of children.

6. Mother aged 60 years and father aged 71 years. Only son enlisted March, 1918, with C. E. F., but was transferred on arrival in England to Imperial Army. Served with Royal Engineers on duty between England and France. While on service received a blow on the hip. Discharged May, 1919. Resumed former work, but became ill and was sent to hospital, where it was discovered that he had a fractured hip bone. Impossible to tell whether this was due to former injury or not. Later sent to Hospital under D. S. C. R., where operation was performed. Died as result of same, August, 1919. Mother refused pension as father is able to earn a little. Man is old and feeble; makes \$10.00 per week when health permits. Allowance of \$35.00 monthly granted.

7. Wife aged 37 and 4 children aged 14, 9, 7 and 5 years. Husband enlisted June 1915, saw service in France, was wounded and gassed. Discharged September 1917, after treatment in Hospital. Died of influenza and pneumonia, December, 1918. Widow not receiving pension. No insurance and applicant unable to take position owing to delicate health. Lives with her mother, who is also a widow, pays \$9.00 per week board. Application being made to B. P. C. Soldier's Benefit Fund, and also for W. S. G. Grant of \$60.00 monthly allowed.

8. Widow aged 38 years and seven children aged 14, 13, 11 (twins), 10, 7 and 6 years. Husband was a Sergeant in the regular Imperial Army for eight years. Received his discharge in 1903. When war broke out in 1914 soldier returned to England and rejoined his old regiment. Discharged December, 1914, unfit for war service. Was sent to a hospital and later to Insane Hospital, Hants County, England, where he died. Husband received a pension of \$23.00 quarterly up to the time of death. Widow does not receive any pension as death was not due to service. Applicant earns \$8.00 per week in the summer and \$3.00 per week in the winter. This necessitates going to a village two miles away and leaving the children to care for themselves. House rent free. Allowance of \$90.00 monthly, provided woman stays home to look after family.

9. Mother aged 62 years, has 7 married children and 2 single, aged 28 and 20 years. Seven sons served with Imperial and Canadian army. Two killed in action. One son who was main support enlisted about October, 1914, with Imperial Army, and

was killed in action April, 1916. Other children do not contribute to parent's maintenance. Son aged 28 is inmate of Insane Asylum, Liverpool, England, result of service, and daughter 20 years, does not live at home. Father is mentally deficient and cannot earn much. Application made for Imperial pension, but decision not rendered yet. Allowance of \$30.00 monthly until pension is granted.

10. Mother aged 59 years, and one son aged 15 years, also 6 married children and one single daughter, aged 23 years. Soldier enlisted in Imperial Army, May, 1918; died of wounds in France, October, 1918. Mother granted pension of 9s. 2d. per week. Owing to the fact that family did not live in Canada before the war this pension cannot be supplemented to equal a Canadian pension. Mother is delicate and her expenses have been very heavy. Lives with a married daughter; pays \$10.00 per month rent; girl aged 23 earns \$8.00 and \$9.00 per week. No other income. Allowance of \$15.00 monthly as Imperial pension is inadequate.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN 1918

The epidemic of Spanish Influenza attained serious proportions; in the early days of October, 1918, many dependents in the Fund's care were reported ill, and eventually the city hospitals were unable to accommodate some of them, whom the Fund desired to provide with hospital treatment. Several untrained Nursing Assistants were made use of as far as possible, but it soon became evident that something more must be done to cope with the epidemic, in so far as it was affecting the women and children in whom the Fund was interested, and the Chairman of Relief suggested the opening of a hospital solely for the care of these.

Several premises were offered for the purpose by Sir John Hendrie, Major H. L. Roberts, Major-General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn and E. H. Ambrose, but eventually "Ballinahinch," the handsome one-time homestead of the late Edward Martin, K.C., on upper James Street, was obtained, having been generously loaned to the Fund for this purpose by his sons, D'Arcy R. C. Martin, K.C., and E. K. C. Martin, the Trustees.

This house was beautifully located, well isolated, with large rooms available as wards and was taken over on October 16th. Through the kindness and co-operation of many people, the necessary work, including lighting fixtures, repair of plumbing and heating apparatus, was completed. Having been closed for many months, there was much to be done. The Department of Militia and Defence, through the Officer i/c Supplies and Transports, furnished 20 military beds and bedding, and Dr. W. F. Langrill, Superintendent of the City Hospital, advised as to the necessary hospital supplies, all of which were purchased immediately and transferred to the Hospital. The Fund was fortunate in securing as Nurse Matron, Miss M. P. Pegg, an experienced local graduate nurse, and a number of local ladies volunteered their services as nurses and V. A. D.'s.

The hospital opened for patients on the 19th of October, under the name "Relief Hospital," and continued without interruption until the 21st of December. During that period there were treated in the hospital 96 dependents of the Fund as patients, and 6 of the staff, who contracted the disease in the course of their service, in addition to whom there were 5 other patients temporarily at the hospital, who were later transferred to other hospitals on the advice of their attending physicians. The large number of children offered as patients made it neces-

sary that several cots be provided, and eventually three large wards and three private rooms were in constant use. The total days of residence was 1215, and the good results obtained for these patients was due to the splendid nursing and devoted attention and care of the nurses and V. A. D.'s; there were but 4 deaths amongst the patients, all of whom had the benefit of their own physicians, in addition to which, two doctors, attached to the local Military Hospital, visited each day and advised with the Nurse Matron in charge. All purchases were made through the Chairman of Relief, who was always available to the Hospital Staff. No charge was made for hospital treatment.

The store room, kitchen and supplies were in charge of volunteers. The I. O. D. E. sent supplies from their kitchen, and a number of local ladies and gentlemen contributed suitable foods and little luxuries for the benefit of the patients. The Canadian Red Cross Society, the Catholic Women's Guild, and Secours National, supplied much bedding and hospital garments, lessening the cost of maintenance very materially. Others loaned some desirable furnishings, and still others aided the tired nurses by use of their motor cars for occasional recreation. There were 33 city doctors in attendance at various times on the different patients, and none of these at any time had ever cause for complaint against the personnel of the hospital or their work. A number of voluntary contributions of money reached the Chairman of Relief, enabling him to secure the services of Trained Nurses for relief night duty in the more trying periods, and through the kindness of the Minister of Militia and Defence, the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, C. M. G., three nursing sisters were, during the most strenuous period of the epidemic, made available for night relief work, without cost to the Fund.

It is impossible to adequately pay tribute to the self-sacrifice and labor involved in the hazardous service so freely and effectively rendered by these ladies of Hamilton, who set aside their own domestic obligations, that they might do their part in the exceptional need that arose during this distressing period in this city's history. It is gratifying to know that on learning that Hamilton was the only city which had rendered this especial service, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Fund, saw fit to make special commendation of the service of the volunteer Nursing Assistants in the form of a personal certificate expressing the thanks of the Fund.

Among those who gave their services to this splendid work, many of them during the whole period, were:—

Miss M. P. Pegg—Matron.

Miss M. B. Rousseaux	Miss Harron
Miss Eliz. Husband	Miss May Clark
Mrs. Wm. Ostler	Miss Lina Biggar
Miss Ptolmey	Miss Marian Still
Miss Violet Clifford	Mrs. A. R. Hendrie
Miss F. E. Barker	Miss Leslie Sutherland
Miss Geraldine Grantham	Miss Theo. Watson
Mrs. H. G. Snow	Miss N. Galvin
Miss E. B. Davidson	Miss Betty Aitken
Miss G. E. MacNamara	Miss A. L. Thomson
Mrs. M. S. Thomson	Miss Leah Philpott
Miss Campbell	Miss Florence E. Garden
Miss Madeline Trenaman	Mrs. W. H. Lovering
Mrs. C. A. Birge	Mrs. F. H. Whitton

Rev. D. T. Owen, Rev. S. Daw, Rev. G. Forneret and Rev. A. J. Leyes were among the clergymen in attendance.

The total cost to the Fund of this hospital was about \$2,000. To have provided treatment in the City Hospitals, had they been available, would have cost more, and the Fund by maintaining the Relief Hospital made possible the care of needy civilian cases. The supplies and fittings left at the conclusion of the work were contributed to the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium, the Children's Aid Society and St. Mary's Orphanage. The hospital worked under a set of rules, and the discipline and co-ordination of all interested throughout the whole period of service is worthy of the very highest praise.

In addition to this Hospital Service, 12 Visiting Helpers were provided to help mothers in afflicted homes.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION DEPARTMENT

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge	George C. Copley
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"To this hour I cannot think of the heroism of our soldiers without wonder—without wonder and reverence. There has never been in the history of mankind such a courage as theirs. Never! Think what it was. The least of us is capable of a flash of valor. In a sudden emergency the meanest of us might be brave. Once or twice in his life a coward might do noble things. But think what these men did. It was not for an hour, nor for a day, nor for a week, nor for a month, nor for a year that they did fine things."

"They endured with patience, even with humor, and at the end flinging themselves upon the enemy, they drove him head-long, they drove him out of his trenches, sent him flying, beat him, beat him to his knees. There has been nothing like this in the history of the world."—Lloyd-George.

As long as we see this picture we may trust ourselves to be just and generous to the men who saved Canada from the Hun.

By Order-in-Council, P.C. 2469, of December 9th, 1919, the Canadian Patriotic Fund, through the medium of its several Branches, was authorized to administer the Appropriation made during the last session of Parliament to provide assistance for all necessitous cases of "Unemployment" among ex-members of the Forces. This Appropriation which the Canadian Patriotic Fund have undertaken to administer shall be known as the "Federal Emergency Appropriation for ex-members of the Forces."

METHODS AND POLICY.

For this purpose there has been formed a **separate Department** of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the administration of the Appropriation, and an ex-member of the Forces is to be a member of each Local Committee dealing with the administration of this Department of the Fund's activities. Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C., and Col. Wm. Hendrie are members of the Local Committee.

"**Ex-Members of the Forces**" shall represent and include any person domiciled in Canada who was enrolled or drafted during the late war.

- (a) For service in the Military Forces of Canada.
- (b) For service on the High Seas, in the Naval Forces of Canada.
- (c) For service in the Air Forces of Canada.
- (d) For service in any other Forces of His Majesty or of His Majesty's Allies or any associated Power.

Provided that such persons have seen service Overseas, or in the opinion of the Local Committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, are in need of assistance by **reason of their Military Service.**

Domiciled means a man who was living in Canada prior to the outbreak of war, and has returned to Canada, or any of the foregoing, who have lived in Canada for a period of two (2) months prior to making application for assistance.

Financial Assistance to ex-members of the Forces for the purposes referred to shall be given only during or for the months of December, 1919, January, 1920, February, 1920, March, 1920, provided, however, that in cases where extreme hardship may otherwise prevail, an officer or officers to be designated by the Canadian Patriotic Fund with the concurrence of the Government representative, may extend such assistance for the month of April, 1920.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLAIMS FOR ASSISTANCE.

Those entitled to assistance from this Appropriation shall be necessitous cases among the ex-members of the Forces, arising from **unavailability** of employment, or **enforced inadequate** employment during the winter of 1919-20.

No assistance shall be given unless the applicant submits a certificate issued by the duly authorized Information and Service Branch Representative of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-Establishment, to the effect that employment is not available for him, provided that the Government in each district shall name such representative.

That the actual necessity for assistance shall be enquired into in each individual case by Officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, who shall determine the amount from time to time, of assistance, if any, to be given, and the duration of the same.

Allowances in the first instance shall not be for a **period exceeding two weeks**. Further assistance may be given on the presentation weekly of a card from the said representative of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-Establishment that there is no employment available for the applicant.

"Necessitous Case" shall be deemed to include and mean the case of an ex-member of the Forces who is unable to secure such employment as will yield sufficient remuneration to provide for himself and his dependents or for whom such employment cannot be secured by reason of there being no employment available as certified by the Representative of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment. It shall also include the case of an ex-member of the Forces for whom employment can be found, but at a rate of remuneration insufficient for him to provide for himself and his dependents, provided that the amount of any assistance granted in such case shall with the earnings of the applicant, not exceed the maximum amount which may be granted under the regulations to an ex-member of the Forces who is unable to secure employment of any kind.

All payments shall be made by cheque, drawn on a special form provided by Head Office.

Where employment can be obtained by an applicant **away from his home**, the Federal Emergency Appropriation Department may provide transportation for the applicant, and, if necessary, for his dependents. Before any financial assistance of this nature is given, the applicant must submit a certificate from the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, to the effect that definite employment for a **reasonably long period** is immediately available at the place to which he is to be transferred.

SCHEDULE OF ASSISTANCE.

- A. Man and wife, at monthly rate of\$ 75.00
1st child under boy 16 (girl 17), at monthly rate of.. 12.00
2nd child under boy 16 (girl 17), at monthly rate of.. 10.00
Maximum payable, at monthly rate of 100.00
Provided that in cases of emergency further assistance may be given where the family is unusually large.
- B. Single man without dependents, maximum allowance at the rate of \$50.00 per month.
- C. Single man with dependents, same as schedule for married man.

All advances made by the Honorary Treasurer, Ottawa, to the Branch Fund upon requisition, are deposited in a special account by the officers of the Local Branch in the Bank of Hamilton, and kept separate from all other monies received.

An entirely separate set of records is kept of all expenditures made from the Federal Emergency Appropriation.

The report of this local Department from December 24th, 1919, to January 15th, 1920, shows:—

Six hundred and forty-five applications, of which 414 were by men totally unemployed, and 154 by men partially employed, or employed and receiving inadequate wages.

Of the various trades and callings there were included 205 unskilled laborers, 41 clerks and salesmen, 24 painters, 23 teamsters, 22 chauffeurs, 18 farmers, 16 carpenters, 11 shippers and 10 cooks.

Two hundred and ten applicants receiving an allowance did not apply for a further grant.

Seventy-one applications were rejected for the following amongst other reasons: Receiving gratuity; receiving Vocational Training with pay; receiving Hospital pay and allowance; partially employed and receiving a wage and pension amounting to the maximum allowed; not necessitous, by reason of discharge between 1915 to 1918; service of very short period in Canada only. A few of the rejections were: Leaving employment voluntarily when the grant became available, which was discovered on investigation; work available, receiving grants from other places.

Those who endeavored to secure grants illegally were few in comparison with the large number of applicants. Three were placed under arrest. Others reported to other possible application centres.

Thirty-five per cent. of the applicants were single men, 65 per cent. married men with children.

The average grant to single men was \$12.50 per week, and to married men \$20.00 per week. The amount expended in these grants was \$18,262.91.

The staff of the local F. E. A. Branch consists of six men, all returned soldiers.

In cases of need for medical attention it can be supplied to the families of men in receipt of allowances from this Department in special cases.

The Committee has given daily service in the oversight of the work, giving instructions to staff, arranging for the coordination of the Post Discharge Department, approving all rulings and signing all cheques. Every care has been exercised to make the Funds available only to such as were intended to be benefited by the appropriation.

**AUDITORS' REPORT ON TRANSFER OF THE
HAMILTON PATRIOTIC FUND**

(Boer War Fund.)

To the Trustees, Hamilton Patriotic Fund.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions, we have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Hamilton Patriotic Fund, from January 2nd, 1900, to November 18th, 1914, and submit herewith summary of these, in accordance with the cash book, as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Contributions received	\$12,283 10
Bank interest to June 30th, 1914	7,322 85
	\$19,605 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Relief payments	\$4,709 48
Memorial payments	1,031 94
Expenses	603 07
	\$ 6,344 49
	\$13,261 46
Interest accrued from July 1st, 1914	233 46
	\$13,494 92

The balance of \$13,261.46 is in accordance with the bank book, while I understand the accrued interest is \$233.46, making a total balance of \$13,494.92, for which a cheque is to be issued to Hamilton and Wentworth County Patriotic Fund.

Yours truly,

Sinclair G. Richardson.

November 30th, 1914.

Alex. H. Moore.

The relief payments made through the Treasurer, Mr. R. K. Hope, during the period from the declaration of war to the formation of the new Fund numbered 398, and meant the disbursement of \$4,709.48, in addition to goods and supplies procured from other sources, and to the Civic Fund disbursed for similar purposes. In connection with these payments Mesdames G. S. Rennie, Thos. Lester, F. S. Baldwin, W. H. Bell, H. S. Griffin, Wm. Hendrie, M. B. Holton, Thomas Hobson, P. J. Myler, L. E. Parry, C. A. Birge and Victor Ross, and Misses Florence Meakins and Vera Martin, furnished valuable assistance in visiting many of the families dealt with, and were able to supply other needs and give much encouragement to the wives and children in some special cases, where death and illness required personal interest.

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A PARTIAL LIST OF HAMILTON'S VOLUNTARY GIVING FOR PATRIOTIC PURPOSES DURING THE WAR PERIOD

Canadian Patriotic Fund subscriptions	\$2,078.915 08
City of Hamilton (contributions and expenditures on account of war to 31st December, 1917) . .	697,918 64
Canadian Red Cross Society	271,180 29
British Red Cross Society	180,000 00
Secours National (including cash and goods)	237,000 00
Canadian Red Cross, Fruit Kitchen (fruit shipped Value)	125,000 00
Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Fund, 1918	75,000 00
I. O. D. E., City Chapters	72,465 70
Canadian Club, Save a Soldier	62,000 00
Belgian Relief Fund	61,608 69
British Navy League (Hamilton Branch)	57,904 98
Have a Heart Sunday, Mountain San (Returned Soldiers)	51,010 00
Y. M. C. A. (for military work)	50,000 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund	35,000 00
Jewish War Sufferers' Fund	30,000 00
Serbian Relief Fund	25,000 00
Hospital Committee, Paardeburg Chapter	23,700 00
Patriotic League, Hospital Ship Fund	11,000 00
Canadian Red Cross, Conservation Department . .	13,000 00
Catholic Women's Guild (for Associated Field Comforts)	11,799 70
Prisoners of War Fund (Mrs. H. Carpenter)	40,000 00
Associated Field Comforts	11,617 68
Italian Red Cross Collection	10,659 00
G. W. V. A., Clubhouse Fund	8,000 00
Halifax Disaster Fund	7,500 00
Hamilton Club (Tobacco Fund)	9,000 00
Rotary Club Collection (for G. W. V. A. Clubhouse)	6,798 00
Salvation Army (Overseas Hut Collection)	5,800 00
Queen's Canadian Hospital Fund	5,741 60
Knights of Columbus (Catholic Huts Collection) . .	4,850 00

East Hamilton War Relief	4,612 85
Scottish Women's Hospital Collection (Canadian Club)	3,424 00
Women's Tribute Night (G. W. V. A.)	3,400 00
Patriotic League	2,414 00
Polish War Relief (R. C. Churches)	1,503 00
Dieppe Officers' Hospital Fund (Mrs. W. Hendrie)	1,500 00
Maple Leaf Fund (Canadian Club)	1,040 00
13th Royal Regiment Christmas Gift Fund, 1916, 1917	750 00
Lithuanian (R. C. Churches) Fund	454 80
Harry Lauder (Million Dollar Fund)	350 00
Soldiers' Memorial Fund (Canadian Club)	137 00
Trench Committee's cash	3,758 00
Overseas Tobacco Fund	100 00
Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund	350 00
Women's Liberal Association comforts (Value)	1,500 00
Paardeburg Committee Comfort (value)	1,000 00
Tea Room Girls	5,200 00
Billikin Club	4,000 00
Hospital Sunday, 1918	8,000 00
Héroes Chapter, I. O. D. E.	8,319 00
Catholic Army Huts (2nd collection)	33,000 00
Allenby Chapter, I. O. D. E.	1,100 00
Navy League (Canada)	23,000 00
Great Allied Drive (not included in list)	121,000 00
Add to Navy League (British) contributions	560 00
Sanitorium Sunday	2,200 00
Salvation Army	50,000 00
Add to Secours National contributions	2,550 00
Add to Billikin Club (Bazaar)	800 00
Armenian collection	15,000 00
Jewish Collection (Destitute Jewry)	9,500 00
Y. M. C. A. (Triangle Fund)	25,000 00
Red Cross Tea Room	16,000 00

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The Executive desires to record their appreciation of the assistance of all those who, during the War years and since, have aided them in any way. It is impossible to mention all by name, but special mention should be made of the local newspapers and their several Editors for much publicity, especially during the several campaigns.

The estate of the late William Hendrie, for the use of office premises for over five years.

Lt.-Col. Clarence F. Smith, Helen R. Reid, officers of the Montreal Fund; Philip H. Morris, Executive Secretary at Head Office.

The Mercantile Trust Company of Canada.

Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, and

Thos. Ramsay, for premises for campaign purposes.

The Hon. S. C. Mewburn, C.M.G., Minister of Militia.

The Secretaries of the G. W. V. A., and Branches.

John Anderson, M.M., President Veterans of France.

A. W. Kaye, the Secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

Lt.-Col. R. A. Robertson, the Chief Recruiting Officer.

The Mayors, Boards of Control, and Aldermen.

The Warden and members of the County Council.

The Local Representatives of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

The O. C.'s from time to time of C. E. F. Units quartered in Hamilton.

Dr. J. H. Holbrook, Superintendent of the Mountain Sanatorium.

Mr. J. H. McMenemy, City Relief Officer.

Lt.-Col. A. Chandler, S. A., Messrs. Pinch and W. H. Wylie, of the Children's Aid Society.

The Matron S. A. Rescue Home.

I. O. D. E., S. O. S. Service.

The Victorian Order of Nurses.

The City Deaconesses.

W. R. Whatley, Chief of Police, and the City Detectives.

The Police Magistrate.

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The Ladies of the Billiken Club.

The Red Cross Society, Hamilton Branch.

The Trustees of the First Methodist and Centenary Churches.

The Manager of the Lyric Theatre.

H. Sweeney, Immigration Inspector.

W. J. Young
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THE Canadian Patriotic Fund, Hamilton and Wentworth Branch was formed in September, 1914, on the initiative of the Canadian Club, of Hamilton, following a visit by Sir Herbert Ames, M. P., at the invitation of the then President, George E. Main. The constitution was prepared by the late Hon. Samuel Barker, P. C., M. P., the original name being "Hamilton and Wentworth County Patriotic Fund Association." Subsequently this Association became affiliated with the National Fund, the bill incorporating which was passed by the House of Commons of Canada, on August 22nd, 1914. The original Officers being :—

Hon. John S. Hendrie,	President
Cyrus A. Birge,	Vice-President
Geo. C. Copley,	Chairman Relief
Robt. Hobson,	Chairman Finance
J. P. Bell,	Honorary Treasurer
Norman Slater,	Honorary Secretary

On the assumption by Sir John Hendrie of his official position, Cyrus A. Birge was elected President of the local branch, which office he has continued to fill. His elevation necessitated a change in the personnel of the Executive Committee. The first Chairman, George C. Copley, becoming Vice-President and W. H. Lovering, succeeding him as Chairman of Relief in April, 1915.

Four Campaigns for Funds have been successfully carried out in the city of Hamilton and to some extent throughout the County of Wentworth. The Officers of the local Fund have faithfully endeavored to carry out the objects of the Fund, as specified in the Bill of Incorporation. This has been an immense work, silently performed, gladly and voluntarily. "There was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while the temple was building," but the results appear in the pages following :

At the conclusion of the War it became evident that with rapid demobilization there would be a larger sum left available to the Fund, than had been expected. It became also evident that there would be much Post War Relief work necessary and various suggestions were made as to the best way to utilize these funds. Eventually the Act of Incorporation of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was on the 1st of July last amended to permit of this being done.

It has been unanimously agreed by the Executive Officers of the local Branch to take on the Post Discharge Relief work within its district and the County of Halton. With the conclusion of the active war work of the Fund it is felt that a statement should be made of the work done, and the public told of the scope of the work which the Fund is now free to do. It is a matter of pride on the part of the

Executive that their work has been well done, at a minimum of expense and with very little derogatory criticism considering that during the five years of the Fund's existence 10,531 applications were considered and dealt with.

That the soldier problem and the civilian problem should, for the present at least, be kept distinct, each to be treated by agencies accustomed to dealing with particular conditions is certainly the general desire, and co-operation of such agencies is most necessary.

Provision has now been made for governmental help in cases of unemployment and inadequate earnings on the part of men of the Forces during the winter of 1919-20, and at the request of the Dominion Government the Canadian Patriotic Fund has created a special department known as the "Federal Emergency Appropriation Department," to administer these funds, and the Hamilton Branch has, as always, assumed its share of the work in this respect.

It is sincerely hoped that this report may be given careful consideration by all those who may have at any time in any way been interested directly or indirectly in the Fund, either as subscribers to it or obtaining assistance through it, and by all those who appreciate the great need that exists, notwithstanding the Declaration of Peace for the careful attention to, and consideration of, the dependents of the men who made possible that Peace.

January, 1920.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Hon. President—Sir John S. Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., late Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.
President—Cyrus A. Birge, President Mercantile Trust Co. of Canada.
Vice-President—George C. Copley, President Copley, Noyes & Randall, Limited.
Chairman of Finance—Robert Hobson, President Steel Co. of Canada.
Chairman of Relief—W. H. Lovering, Deputy Registrar of Deeds.
Honorary Treasurer—J. P. Bell, General Manager Bank of Hamilton.
Honorary Secretary—Norman Slater, President Slater-Barnard Co., Limited.

REPRESENTATIVES ON NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- Sir John Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.
Sir John Gibson, K.C.M.G.
Cyrus A. Birge.
Robert Hobson.
W. H. Lovering, Esq.

REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

W. H. Lovering.

STAFF

Office Interviews	Mrs. J. B. Lawlor
Governmental Claims	Mrs. P. Reid
Correspondence	Miss M. Wells
Cheques and Accounts	Miss N. Ballantine
Returns and Records	Miss E. Johnson
Monthly Returns	Mr. J. Millward
Accountant	Miss M. Maguire
Visitors	Mrs. F. E. Wilkinson
	Mrs. P. H. W. Davis
	Miss H. Wright

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURERS

- 1914-1915—Robert Kerr.
1915-1916—R. A. Gibson.
1916-1918—D. T. Almond.
1919-1920—Emily F. Macpherson.

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Cyrus A. Birge (Chairman)	Geo. C. Copley
J. P. Bell	Norman Slater
Archdeacon Forneret	Robert Hobson
H. H. Champ	W. H. Lovering
Henry Bertram (Dundas)	Sir John Gibson
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W. A. Emory	Hon. Walter Rollo
Geo. W. Robinson	Geo. E. Main
H. B. Witton	C. W. Sherman
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Geo. F. Webb	Stuart H. Lees
J. R. Hastings (Winona)	Rev. G. L. Cassidy

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Very Rev. J. M. Mahony
Allan Studholme, M.P.P.
Harry L. Frost
E. H. Dickenson
A. R. Miller

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The Bank of Hamilton.

AUDITORS

Sinclair G. Richardson and Richardson, Gowans & Watson.

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VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Chairman of Relief	W. H. Lovering
Honorary Treasurer	J. P. Bell
Cheques, Special Relief	Cyrus A. Birge
War Gratuity Diversions	Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper
Loans against W. S. G.	Geo. C. Copley
Hon. Secretary	Norman Slater
Campaign Finances	Robert Hobson
Valuator	J. F. Kavanaugh
Office Assistants	Miss Jane Simpson Miss Ruth Frost Mrs. E. Vaughan Wright
Filing	Miss Muriel Cartwright Miss Isobel Scott
Visitors	Mrs. Duncan Campbell Mrs. John L. Counsell Miss Eugenia E. Gibson Miss M. Stewart Mrs. Henry Carscallen Mrs. C. R. McCullough Mrs. W. Ostler Mrs. W. R. Turnbull Mrs. W. Hendrie Mrs. W. H. Lovering Mrs. D. G. Storms Mrs. M. A. Pigott
Hospital Visitors	Miss Haslett Miss Mary Haslett
Dundas Committee	H. Bertram Mrs. W. F. Graham Mrs. T. Bertram
Motor Drivers	Mrs. W. Ostler Miss Kate Thomson Miss Marjorie Insole Miss Muriel Cartwright
Motor Supply	F. H. Rutherford (Rotary Club)
Babies' Dispensary Guild	Mrs. M. S. Thomson Miss H. MacDonald
Auditors	S. G. Richardson Richardson, Gowans & Watson

VOLUNTEER WORKERS—Continued

Legal Aid	W. H. Lovering Lees, Hobson & Co. Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, Crerar & Robinson C. H. Higgins
Travellers' Aid—Motor Help	F. H. Rutherford J. D. Armstrong
Bankers	Bank of Hamilton

And Volunteers from the Ladies' Advisory Committee,
Other Visitors who served for considerable periods were:

Mrs. Bertha Williams	W. Begley
Mrs. H. L. Hall	A. Owen
Mrs. A. Bowlby	

REPORT

The local Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, a National Organization, has endeavored to effectively and economically look after the financial and to some extent the social interests and needs of the dependents of the soldiers and sailors of Canada and of the Allies residing within its district, which includes the County of Wentworth.

By supplementing where required, Assigned Pay and Governmental allowances by graded grants, increased as changed living conditions required, the Branch has been of the utmost assistance to those whom it aimed to serve, and aided in creating the splendid record of Hamilton of over 11,000 men enlisted in the Great War. This financial assistance was made possible by the wonderful record, unsurpassed by any nation, of nearly \$50,000,000 voluntarily contributed during the war period for War Relief work through the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and of which, by the splendid spirit of its people of every class, Hamilton contributed over \$2,000,000 in addition to its contributions to various War Relief objects. It is to be regretted that no accurate statement of Hamilton's War contributions is available, but that the "children of our children" may know something of the record of Hamilton in that respect, some of the items are collated in this report. By no means accurate or complete, it is a matter for pride on the part of everyone who helped to make it possible.

During the period between the Declaration of War and the formation of the Fund, Hamilton was fortunate in having at the disposal of needy Dependents, especially of Reservists, the "Hamilton Patriotic Fund," generally known as the "Boer War Fund," which had been kept practically intact. The Treasurer, R. K. Hope, with the approval of the Trustees of the Fund, and the assistance of W. H. Lovering, made emergency grants to the extent of \$4,709.48, and on the organization of the present Fund the balance of \$13,494.92 was paid over, to the general work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

There have been conducted most successfully with little expense by the voluntary service of prominent citizens under the President, Cyrus A. Birge, who gave practically his whole time for the campaign periods, and with much assistance from George C. Copley, organized the many necessary Committees, became Team Captains, Speakers, Collectors, and contributed of time and money, ungrudgingly, to the end that they who could not "Fight" might "Pay." Robert

Hobson, as Chairman of Finance, was an outstanding figure in every campaign, and by his example brought many workers to give unselfish service, extending at times over a period of four weeks, with daily and nightly meetings and conferences. These campaigns were indeed severe trials to those actively engaged in them, and only the slogans "Fight or Pay," "They shall not want," and "Go on or go Under," exemplifying the need and the cause, made the efforts of many of the workers physically possible, and produced the wonderful results obtained. An outstanding feature of each campaign was the contributions of the factory employees. Of them the Chairman of Finance says:—

"Since the fall of 1914 I have acted as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Hamilton Patriotic Association, and have had an opportunity of watching the different phases in connection with the raising of the funds of the Association, and I have always been struck with the manner in which the employees of the various factories throughout the City have contributed, not only in money, but in time. If it had not been for the loyal support of the employees of these factories, the splendid success which we have had in every Campaign would not have been achieved.

"I am satisfied that every man who contributed has done so with the feeling of gratitude that he was able to assist in taking care of the wives and children of the men who have gone to the front. In no case, I am sure, did they feel it a tax, but a privilege."

In connection with all these campaigns the members of the Executive took a very active part, assisted by such local organizations as "The Canadian Club" and the "Rotary Club of Hamilton." Practically the same team captains, all prominent in the business life of the city, worked through all the campaigns.

Prominent in these Campaigns as Committee Chairmen were:—

Cyrus Birge	W. J. Hobson
Robert Hobson	H. M. Marsh
W. H. Lovering	E. O. Zimmerman
E. Morwick	F. A. Magee
S. H. Alexander	Bruce A. Carey
P. M. Yeates	W. H. Cooper
R. T. Kelly	H. L. Frost
C. H. Snyder (obit)	L. R. Greene
E. P. Coleman	G. W. Robinson
H. H. Champ	L. R. Tobey

Some of the District Managers and Team Captains were:—

George E. Main	Fred. T. Smye
Bruce A. Carey	George Hope
P. H. Alexander	H. B. Witton
G. C. Martin	H. H. Champ
Vaughan Wright	H. E. Sherk
W. J. Aitchison	Walder Parke
R. C. Ripley	C. W. Graham
Dr. D. G. Storms	W. S. Burrill
S. G. Richardson	F. J. Howell
George Raw	R. H. New
R. K. Hope	G. P. Mullens
Mayor C. S. Walters	A. G. Hewish
R. B. Cheyne	P. T. Ward
S. D. Addison	H. J. Hale
J. E. Fidler	H. B. Brown
Gordon Hutton	Norman Ellis
W. C. Hawkins	H. E. Waterman
E. Chambers	W. H. Seymour
W. W. Lindsey	W. J. Ballentine
Geo. H. O'Neil	Benson Johnston
G. B. Perry	A. P. Kappelle
J. R. LaFrance	F. Radigan
L. R. Tobey	W. C. Thompson
A. A. Adams	G. A. Leeks (obit)
W. H. Monk	

amongst whom much effective rivalry was created. H. B. Witton's "Thin Red Line" and H. H. Champs' "Brigands," the daily luncheons and Patriotic Auction Sales aided materially to produce great results, and made somewhat easier the task of the many who through the years of war learned not only the joy of "Service," but the need.

There have been four campaigns, in each of which the objective was exceeded very considerably.

YEAR	OBJECTIVE	SUBSCRIPTIONS
1914	\$200,000.00	\$216,120.21
1915	400,000.00	532,857.73
1916-17	500,000.00	688,344.34
1918	600,000.00	773,361.93

The general result has been a wonderful testimony to the interest and patriotism of the citizens. The City of Hamilton and the County of Wentworth made generous contributions to the Funds, as follows:—

CITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS	COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
\$326,000.00	\$198,000.00

The Town of Dundas also made a collection, and while the dependents in that town were cared for by the Local Fund, \$9,668.00 was remitted direct to Ottawa, and is a part of the County's contribution.

FINANCES

Robert Hobson, as Chairman of Finance, and his Special Committees, Factory Committees and the many Collectors obtained the subscriptions which were paid to the Honorary Treasurer, J. P. Bell, who has occupied that office as a volunteer throughout the existence of the Branch. The "Cheque" form of contribution card was conceived by him, and proved both popular with subscribers and effective in saving time and expense in the matter of collections.

The result of the collections under the various Campaigns has shown that within $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total subscribed has been collected from the Campaign of 1918, and that of all the Campaigns the subscriptions have been collected to within $6\frac{1}{2}\%$, a wonderful record. In the Campaign of 1918 it was arranged that 15% of the subscriptions should be paid to the Hamilton Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and the sum of \$100,803.67 was paid to that Society, that 5% should be paid to the Hamilton Branch of the British Navy League, and the sum of \$33,807.77 was paid to that Organization. In all these Campaigns the Honorary Treasurer has taken an active personal part, and the ultimate result shown in the collections is largely due to his personal oversight of the finances of the local Organization, this result has only been arrived at by a consistent and careful system. The office of Honorary Treasurer has been no sinecure, with the conclusion of the war, and before, there were some who thought they should not be called on to fulfill their obligations regarding contributions, there were many changes in the employees of various industrial concerns, but by a series of well-considered letters and advertisements, Mr. Bell managed to have Hamilton's promises well lived up to. To the 31st Dec., 1919, there has been remitted to Ottawa the sum of \$1,966,492; of this there has been expended for relief \$1,483,681.30, and for administration \$49,692.67.

The Honorary Treasurer in conjunction with the Auditor, Sinclair G. Richardson, has complied with all the requirements of the Head Office and the Auditor General, in the matter of statements and vouchers, and a local audit has been made from time to time. Annual Statements, which, bearing in mind the large number of receipts and disbursements, have been a task of considerable magnitude. The services of Mr. Richardson and his firm have been given most generously without any remuneration whatever, and, in themselves, constitute a very valuable and material contribution to the local Branch, and have helped to make it possible to collect and distribute over \$2,000,000.00, at a cost of about 2%.

With monthly disbursements exceeding at times \$10,000.00, paid in small sums by cheque and mailed, a maximum monthly administration expense, including postage and War Tax of about \$900.00, could only be obtained by such generous aid, and that of the Estate of William Hendrie, which, from the inception of the Fund to 31st December, 1919, permitted the free use by the Fund of the valuable office building at 52 King Street East. This meant much to the Fund, the ideal location being of great advantage. To have acquired similar offices on a rental basis would have cost the Fund over \$12,000.00. It is only proper to acknowledge this further contribution to the Fund by this Estate. A statement of the finances of the Branch to 30th April, 1919, and of subsequent Relief disbursements follows:

AUDITORS' REPORT

The Trustees, May 22nd, 1919.
Hamilton and Wentworth Branch,
Canadian Patriotic Fund Association,
City.

Gentlemen:—

We have audited the accounts of this Branch for the eighteen months from our last report, October 31st, 1917, to April 30th, 1918, and have verified the individual receipts and disbursements of the Fund, as was done in previous audits.

We submit balance sheet showing the nett assets of this Branch at April 30th, last, not taking into account any disbursements made by the Fund in Ottawa, out of the Hamilton subscriptions on behalf of the General Fund.

The asset showing nett subscriptions at Ottawa, \$465,238.31, is made up of the total subscriptions and interest on the local account, transferred to the Ottawa account, less the nett requisitions received from that account after deducting refunds, which were transferred each month along with the subscriptions.

While we have not audited the Hamilton and Wentworth Branch of the Ottawa account, we have verified the transfers between it and this Branch, and the Ottawa account shows a balance of \$490,398.62 in favor of this Branch. The difference is more than made up of interest earned on that account, which is not included in the branch accounts, while we understand payments have been made to other Branches from the transfers to the Ottawa account.

The bank balance of \$9,339.88 includes subscriptions received of \$844.91 in April, not transferred to the Ottawa account.

Petty cash, \$18.98, is deducted from the administration expense, being the unexpended balance of petty cash on hand at April 30th.

A separate account of loans to dependents was opened by transferring \$1,100.00 from the local account. These loans exceeded this amount by \$240.60, which is a liability to the Bank of Hamilton as a separate loan account. These loans are being reduced, and will probably soon offset this overdraft.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The total pledges obtained from the inception of the Fund amount to \$2,211,004.71, but duplications or cancellations and pledges written off on account of enlistments, amount to \$15,819.55, leaving nett pledges before making any reserves of \$2,195,185.16.

The total receipts of subscriptions and interest since the inception of the Fund amount to \$2,077,729.66, leaving unpaid pledges of \$117,455.50, representing 5.35% of the nett pledges.

Of these pledges unpaid, our previous reports in 1916 and 1917 showed over \$68,000.00 written off for loss in employees pledges, and further reserves of \$50,000.00 for other unpaid pledges.

These reserves more than make up the unpaid pledges now shown, without making any further provision for the current period.

As shown in the statement of subscriptions, the 1918 campaign included the Canadian Red Cross Society, for which \$100,625.85 was realised, and the Navy League, for which \$33,748.51 was collected, leaving for the Patriotic Fund, for the period of eighteen months, \$743,214.68, transferred to Ottawa, and \$844.91 in the bank.

RELIEF ACCOUNT.

This account shows the nett payments to dependents for the eighteen months to be \$543,949.01, and \$80.00 paid on account of home service, making total disbursements for relief since the inception of the Fund of \$1,419,912.19, while the total administration expenses since the inception including campaign expenses, clerical salaries, investigations, stamps, supplies and expense, amounts to \$19,692.67, after deducting campaign expenses of 1918 refunded, represents considerably less than two and one-half per cent, of the subscriptions.

Outstanding cheques at April 30th of \$950.15 are not included in this statement, as these are not included in the disbursements till paid by the bank, on account of having to be sent to Ottawa as vouchers.

The amount of time which has been given by the Honorary Officers of this Fund is beyond the conception of both those who benefitted from it and those who supported it, and while all are deserving of thanks for their services, none of those who have been connected with this work will take any exception to the special mention of Mr. W. H. Lovering, for the constant and endless time he has devoted to the interest of the work.

Yours truly,

Richardson, Gowans & Watson,

Per Sinclair G. Richardson,

Honorary Auditors.

The Relief payments made since the foregoing report make the total of \$1,183,681.30, arrived at as follows:

1919	Pat. Fund	Post Discharge
May	\$ 16,641 06	
June	12,782 55	
July	6,701 15	\$ 1,044 75
August	4,054 45	2,299 49
September	2,733 91	4,043 30
October	2,042 80	2,133 66
November	1,417 00	2,589 89
December	854 00	4,431 00
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	\$17,227 02	\$16,542 09
		47,227 02
Relief payments to 30 April, 1919		1,419,912 19
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		\$1,483,681 30

**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION
HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH**

Relief Account, November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Balance October 31st, 1917, per last statement	\$ 1,737 74
Received by requisitions from Ottawa	\$596,000 00
Less:—Refunds transferred to Ottawa	21,949 82
	\$574,050 18
April subscriptions not remitted to Ottawa	844 91
	574,895 09
	\$576,632 83

PAYMENTS.

To Dependents for Relief	\$561,115 36
Less:—Refunds	17,166 35
	\$543,949 01
To paid on account of Home Service	80 00
Administration Expenses:—	
Salaries	\$17,362 00
Stamps and petty cash	2,847 58
Supplies and expense	3,146 88
Campaign expenses re- funded, \$4,783.47	23,356 46
	\$567,385 47
Less:—Sundry adjustments	111 50
	\$567,273 97
Balance April 30th, 1918	\$9,358 86
Balance in Bank	\$9,339 88
Cash on hand	18 98
	\$9,358 86
As above	\$9,358 86

BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30th, 1919

ASSETS.

Total subscriptions and interest received and transferred to Ottawa	\$1,942,510 39
Less:—Nett requisitions received from Ottawa	1,477,272 08
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Nett subscriptions at Ottawa	\$ 465,238 31
Bank of Hamilton—Current account	9,339 88
Petty cash on hand	18 98
Loans to dependents	\$240 60
Less: Bank of Hamilton loan account	240 60
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Nett assets	\$ 474,597 17

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Total subscriptions and interest to October 31st, 1917, per last statement	\$1,199,295 71
Subscriptions received November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	\$ 876,232 48
Interest received November 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	2,201 47
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	878,433 95
Total receipts of Fund	\$2,077,529 66
Less:—Transferred to Ottawa to Oct. 31st, 1917	\$1,199,295 71
Transferred to Ottawa, Nov. 1st, 1917, to April 30th, 1919	743,214 68
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	\$1,942,510 39
Transferred to Canadian Red Cross Society	\$ 100,625 85
Transferred to Canadian Navy League	33,748 51
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	2,076,884 75
Balance at Hamilton included in bank balance	\$ 844 91

War Relief Work

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge

J. P. Bell

Robert Hobson

Geo. C. Copley

Norman Slater

R. K. Hope

W. H. Lovering, Chairman.

WAR RELIEF WORK

The great bulk of the work in connection with the Fund has naturally fallen on the members of the Relief Committee, all of whom have throughout the war been members of many other Organizations and active participants in all the appeals for war purposes, but all of whom have considered the Patriotic Fund their chief object of interest, none of them have sought to delegate more than absolutely necessary any of the Fund's work to others, and it is felt that this personal interest and activity, on the part of the Chairman of Relief and the other members of his Committee, has brought about the results shown.

At the formation of the local Fund, the staff consisted of an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, an Accountant, one Visitor and one Stenographer, in 1919 it had grown to 18, including four Visitors and five Stenographers, in addition to the Chairman of Relief, his Committee and other volunteers in various departments, whose services have been most valuable, and have lessened materially the cost of administration of the Fund. In 1919 it was found necessary to purchase a motor car for the use of the Visitors.

In 1914 the maximum number of families on the Fund was 543, which number grew to 2,750 in August, 1916. Since the inception of the Fund 4891 families have been given assistance, which means that about 14,673 persons have been brought within the scope of the work of the local Relief Committee, the total number of applications considered by the Committee in the general war work was 10,534, of which 919 were refused assistance. These applications included families returning to Hamilton from overseas, or other places of residence, mothers coming on the Fund by reason of changed circumstances, wives returning to Canada, transfers from other cities, and additional dependents and compassionate claims.

Allowances to these were based on the approved budget scale of the Fund, as varied from time to time, and were paid for a time half monthly, but with increasing numbers it became necessary to pay monthly, on the 15th of each month, and never throughout the whole war period were they delayed beyond that date.

ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Officers are members of the Relief Committee, which authorized all payments, regular or emergent, during the whole period of the existence of the local Fund. A comparison of the monthly payments is a sure indication of the amount of their work.

January, 1915.	\$ 8,857.30	to 526 families
January, 1916.	22,673.39	to 1464 families
January, 1917.	34,753.45	to 2218 families
August, 1917.	35,802.29	to 2750 families
January, 1918.	34,212.45	to 2167 families
January, 1919.	39,557.35	to 1471 families

This last large disbursement is accounted for by advances on account of coal purchases.

The Relief Committee handled over \$2,000,000. Every cheque required the approval of the Chairman of Relief, or one member of his Committee, and the signature of one other member, together with that of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. During practically the whole period of the war, every cheque was verified by the Chairman of Relief, in his absence the Vice-President, George C. Copley, one time Chairman of Relief, accepted that task. The President, Cyrus A. Birge, signed perhaps 70% of the 107,074 cheques issued to 31st of December, 1919, the balance being signed by George C. Copley, Robert Hobson, J. P. Bell, Norman Slater and R. K. Hope. This actual supervision of administration, collections and disbursements has produced the results obtained. It is pleasing to record that, in the total result, the administration expenses of the Fund, Head Office and Branches, have been covered by the interest earned on monthly bank balances, so that we can truly say to our subscribers, **"Every cent of every dollar you gave us has reached a soldier's home, or is in the bank to-day."** There has never been an act of dishonesty committed by any agent who has handled the money of the Fund. Not a dollar has been lost through theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of any sort.

**THE CLASSIFICATION OF FAMILIES ON THE FUND
SHOWED IN THE FALL OF 1918**

- 3714 Wives without children.
- 557 Mothers,
 - 57 Guardians.
 - 27 Other classifications.
- 606 Families with one child each.
- 843 Families with two children each.
- 480 Families with three children each.
- 191 Families with four children each.
- 99 Families with five children each.
- 38 Families with six children each.
- 29 Families with seven children each.
- 9 Families with eight children each.
- 6 Families with nine children each.
- 4 Families with ten children each.

The Children being Classified as:—

- 317 Over 15 years, 2442 Between 5-10 years.
- 1748 Between 10-15 years, 1465 Under 5 years.

With this large number of people coming within the scope of the Fund, naturally many required special attention, many were necessarily placed in Homes, public and private, by their parents, or by the Fund. A typical monthly report of these shows such children placed as follows:—

Boys' Home	6	St. Mary's Orphanage	12
Girls' Home	3	Private or Foster Homes	87
Infants' Home	6	Mountain Sanatorium	20
Children's Shelter	4		

The Fund's visitors were never idle, nor were the office staff.

The year 1918 shows that 6288 home visits were made by the visitors, classified as:

Regular visits	4392	Special visits, by reason of illness	276
Special visits, by request	1620		

All, of course, being in addition to the office calls and interviews which were too numerous to permit of record or classification, but a monthly average in 1918 shows a daily record of:—

Mail received	104	Callers at Office	76
Mail despatched	55		

With the closing of the year 1919 there were on the regular list 17 cases where, by reason of the continuance in service of enlisted men, their families are entitled to the allowances made throughout the year. These will shortly be discharged and the Fund's war work concluded, when these families may have, if otherwise eligible, the benefit of the Post Discharge provisions of the Fund.

COMPASSIONATE GRANTS

These were given in many cases of extended illness, death, accident, confinements and emergency operations, were the circumstances warranted, and the Branch was aware of the need. Always a matter for special consideration, and growing more numerous as the cost of living increased, they added to the duties of the staff, and of the Chairman of the Relief Committee, whose recommendation was required before the grant was made, and involved a very large expenditure.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT

The Hospitals, City, Mount Hamilton and St. Joseph's, conceded generally, a 50% discount on all charges against the Branch for semi-private ward care, and a large amount of money was in consequence saved, and the benefit of hospital treatment assured to those requiring it. Many local Physicians and Surgeons gave services at a minimum charge, sometimes gratis, to cases requiring the Fund's financial aid.

GUARDIANSHIPS

For many reasons it was necessary that the Branch act as Administrator of the assigned pay, separation, or other allowances payable by reason of a man's enlistment, for the benefit of his wife and children. Chronic illness, insanity, desertion, immorality and neglect on the part of parent or guardian, being some of the causes for this.

These cases numbered 142, some of them being still active, and involved the distribution of \$43,611.10, in addition to the care and clothing of many children, the disposition and acquirement of furniture, homes, and dealing with insurance and other monies.

TRAVELLERS' AID

Early in the war a policy of allowing the return to England of the wives of Reservists and others having assured support in Great Britain, was followed, and assistance to that end was given to 35 families, at a cost of \$812.05.

The living conditions in England soon made it important that this practice be discontinued, and a number of these families were obliged to return to Canada.

With the cessation of hostilities the Fund found it necessary to take steps to meet and assist returning wives and children, and much work was done at the various ports. In Hamilton an arrangement was made with the Y. W. C. A. for an addition to their Travellers' Aid staff, the Branch contributing to the expense. The rapid demobilization made the matter a very difficult one, involving the meeting of day and night trains on telephoned and telegraphed information. It was physically impossible to meet all, due at times entirely to lack of advice, but about 100 trains were met, and 1,176 persons given some attention.

From the month of February, 1919, the Fund's visitors, using taxi-cabs, and when possible private conveyances, were unremitting in their attentions to these returning women and children, amongst whom were numbered 73 married during or subsequent to the war. In this connection the Fund, through the kindness of Messrs. Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, and the Officer i/c Transportation, installed 10 beds in the American Hotel building, arranging with the Y. W. C. A. for care and food for any who might require it. On the establishment of the Salvation Army Hostel in the building, an arrangement was made for the use of rooms by returning families at 50% discount on the regular charges, and many took advantage of this. This work involved an expenditure by the local Fund of \$774.30.

F. H. Rutherford and J. D. Armstrong, of the Rotary Club, of Hamilton, gave motor service to returning families when sufficient notice of arrival made it possible to do so.

FUEL SUPPLY

From time to time during its inception the Branch made arrangement in individual cases for a supply of fuel, but the winter of 1916-17 demonstrated the advisability of endeavoring to aid those in the care of the Fund to secure an adequate supply. During that winter over 500 tons of coal were purchased and delivered in half ton lots. In June, 1917, an endeavor was made to have those able to do so, arrange for their winter's supply of fuel. In the Fall of 1917 it became necessary to increase this service, 2,098 tons were purchased during that season. In 1918-19 the work in this Branch became heavier and the need greater. As a consequence there were supplied to dependents 3,942 tons of coal and a quantity of wood, coke and charcoal at cost to the Fund. In all these cases the cost was provided

by the Fund and repaid in instalments. Apart from small compassionate grants, there has been no loss to the Fund by reason of this service, which resulted in great alleviation of distress, and much relief of mind to the dependents. For the year 1918-19 this involved an outlay of about \$40,000. It is due to Gillies-Guy, Ltd., who supplied the greater part of this coal that their splendid services be recognized, in service and price they amply fulfilled their promise to give special recognition to all soldiers' dependents, for whom the Fund made application. In this connection mention should be made of the service of Mr. R. S. Wallace, who gave much time and thought to the necessary records for the various coal orders, interviewed, placated and advised those in urgent need, arranged for a fair distribution and prevented hoarding in order to make as easy as possible the difficult task of the dealers. Mr. Wallace's services had the effect of relieving the Relief Committee of much otherwise unavoidable work, and was of very great advantage to all parties concerned.

EQUALIZING INCOMES

In Hamilton the Branch gave assistance to the families of 35 soldiers of Great Britain and our Allies. The small pay of these soldiers made it necessary that their families in Canada should receive a larger allowance from the Fund than that granted to the dependents of Canadians, and many of these did receive that consideration. On the death of such soldiers a graver situation arose. The Fund, while not strictly authorized so to do, continued their payments to many of these families, and in order to equalize their inadequate pensions, the local Branch made payments to the amount of \$4,787.75. This will no longer be necessary in many of these cases by reason of the new pension arrangements, which make provision for all residents in Canada at the outbreak of the war.

RELIEF HOSPITAL

Perhaps the most important effort of the Fund was the provision of a "Relief Hospital" for soldiers' dependents during the epidemic of influenza in the winter of 1918. On the suggestion of the Chairman of Relief, and in conjunction with the President, an Emergency Hospital, was opened in "Ballinahinch," the Homestead of the late Edward Martin, K.C., generously loaned by his estate. The premises were secured on the 16th of October, 1918, and opened for patients on the 19th, with repaired plumbing, heating apparatus, beds and all needed supplies, and continued

without interruption to the 21st of December. There were treated in the hospital 107 patients. There were 4 deaths during the 1,215 days of residence of the patients. The Relief Committee had the good fortune to have associated with them a number of local ladies, who gave their services as nurses and V. A. D.'s at this hospital. Details of this work with the names of the staff of the hospital appear elsewhere in this report.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout its existence the Fund has ever co-operated with the various departments of the Government in all matters pertaining to pay and allowances, estates, transportation, repayments, compassionate discharge, furloughs and other matters arising out of the enlistment of men for war service. This has involved not only much correspondence, but much time on the part of interviewers and the Chairman of Relief, and much thought and consideration of the many problems presented. This co-operation has in many cases been of very material value to the Government in bringing about the return of overpaid moneys, or moneys paid in error, and the discontinuance of allowances to those not entitled. The Chairman of Relief, as a Commissioner for Oaths, was usually available in this connection, but to ensure expedition, three members of the staff were appointed Commissioners under Order-in-Council, and the Chairman of Relief and two of the staff were appointed by the Department of Militia and Defence to investigate with authority, matters affecting dependents in connection with that department. This work included the following, made at the request of the Governmental Departments:—

Separation allowance declarations	907
Questionaires	1386
Dependents' applications	333
War Service Gratuity, men's application	86
Repatriation	60
S. S. B. Ag. training applications	14

In addition to which all declarations regarding separation allowance made through other organizations were signed by the Chairman of Relief or the Secretary.

Very many reports were made in connection with the question of dependency, former support, marriage and service. The Fund has kept no record of these, but the number is great, as was the work involved.

BURIAL PLOT

It became early evident to the Relief Committee that provision should be made for the burial of dependents, who might die while their men were overseas, and there was purchased a plot in the Hamilton Cemetery under the perpetual care system. In this plot there are now buried 140 persons, 89 being infants, who died while their fathers were serving overseas, and including many wives of these men. A monument is to be erected in this plot to indicate to future generations one sad feature of the World War. Burials were also arranged in Holy Sepulchre, Dundas and Ancaster Cemeteries.

LEGAL AID

The Chairman of Relief, a lawyer, has aided many men and their families in the matter of preparing wills, sale agreements, adoption agreements, conveyances of land, chattel mortgages and leases, in Administration and Probate matters, in various dealings with the Estates Branch, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, and in other matters of a legal nature, always without remuneration. Other legal men have, from time to time, given valuable assistance as Commissioners of Oaths, and by way of advice and assistance to the Branch and those it served.

STORAGE

In connection with many cases of death and the breaking up of households, it became necessary to store, pending return of the man or other disposition of the goods, the former furnishings of the home. This has generally been done in the warehouse, connected with the former office of the Fund, and has been just one small item in connection with the special work from time to time done by the Branch.

THRIFT

As a result of the encouragement of the Fund 279 War Savings Certificates were purchased by the dependents. A number further added to their savings by the purchase of Victory Bonds of small amounts, and through the attitude of the Fund in the matter of Savings Bank accounts, quite a number were able to provide for domestic contingencies, and in many cases to wipe out old obligations of the husband or father. And many assumed useful and remunerative occupations.

HOME SERVICE

In their desire to be of real service it was always the endeavor of the Committee to offer help of every kind, and occasionally they were confronted with cases which, while not within the scope of their work, were, by reason of special circumstances, worthy of special consideration. In order to give aid in such cases a small fund was provided from Special Subscribers and this Special Relief was made available to 35 families, comprising 92 persons, at a cost of \$1,096.44. Most of these cases were connected with discharged men, and can now be given attention under the provisions for Post Discharge Relief.

LOANS

During the war period it often seemed desirable to make advances by way of loan where families were endeavoring to arrange a household budget, and during the course of the regular relief work 392 Loans were made, amounting to \$6,965.23. In some cases it was found necessary to convert these into Compassionate Grants, but the borrowers generally met their obligations to the satisfaction of the Committee.

FILING AND CORRESPONDENCE

The fact that there are at the present time about 8,000 correspondence files in the General Department, in addition to 593 in the P. D. Department, and some 10,000 cards in the various card indices indicates somewhat the vast amount of correspondence carried on in connection with the local Branch. Effective and valuable help has been given in this Branch by volunteers, among them being: Miss Ruth Frost, Miss Jane Simpson, Miss Isobel Scott and Miss Muriel Cartwright. The two latter being still in service in connection with the Filing Branch.

CIRCULARS TO DEPENDENTS

The Relief Committee have endeavored to encourage those in whom they were interested to bring their problems to the Fund, and to that end from time to time issued circulars bearing on special matters such as Bank Savings Accounts, War Savings Certificates, Coal Supply, Children's Health, Employment, School, Babies' Dispensary Clinic, Funeral and Medical expenses. The full purport of these circulars can be better understood by perusal of the reproduction of them appearing in this report. Very many took advantage of the Fund's service in many and varied ways.

The Fund's Reward

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"THE FUND'S REWARD."

October 10th.

Dear Mr. Lovering:—

Just a few lines to you once more in answer to your ever welcome letter of September 4th.

It takes quite a long time to get here, but still, they are welcome when they do land, as it helps to break the monotony of the game.

I thank you and Dr. ——— very much for interesting yourselves in my behalf, and some day I hope to repay you. It is some consolation to know that you have still got some **good friends**.

Dear Mr. Lovering, I am very glad to be able to say that I am still in the best of health, everything is going on fine, only when it rains, and Fritz gets a bit peeved, he kicks up a bit of noise for a time, but then he quiets down again.

Please give our Willie my best respects and kind regards if ever you see him.

I think I will close now, by wishing you good-night and the best of luck, I remain,

Your sincere friend,

France, February 31st.

Sir:—

Just a line to thank you for the help and attention you have given my wife and family since I came to France. I'm sure I appreciate it very much, and I can tell you it is a comfort to know that my family are comfortable at home, and helps me to "carry on" my work out here with a contented mind. My wife often mentioned the Patriotic in her letters to me, and how she makes ends meet with your help.

I thank you again, and wish the Patriotic every success, and may victory and peace be ours.

I remain,

Yours truly,

France, December 2nd.

Dear Sir:—

I have for some time been much impressed by the way the Hamilton Patriotic Society have so kindly helped the wives and children of the soldiers, who have thought it their duty to leave their homes and go to help fight the country's battle.

It is a great relief to know that the ones we have left behind are well cared for, and helped through the kindness of the Hamilton people, and personally I cannot let this season of the year pass without expressing my sincerest thanks for the aid of the Patriotic Society extended to my wife and children, and I know I am voicing the sentiments of all married men, who are with the Canadian Contingents.

Yours truly,

July 14th.

Dear Sir:—

I received your welcome letter and statement of June 2nd, which I am greatly indebted to you for, and also for disposing with my property, which I am very thankful for indeed.

I am more than pleased to hear of the good results you made with the sale, and also with the attention that you are paying towards my interests and the children, and also with you fulfilling my wish, by paying off Mr. ———. I feel more contented, now he is paid off.

I am very pleased to know that I have got one good friend in Hamilton that is looking after my welfare. The last letter I received from the Infant's Home, both the children are quite well, I don't think they could be better cared for, under the circumstances.

I am expecting a letter and photo any day now from the home.

I only hope and trust that we will all be spared to meet again.

Well, Sir, as regards the children, I don't know of anything else that I could do for them. I thank you very much for your kindness as regards wanting to fulfill any special wish that I required of them. If you think that there is something I have not done as would benefit them, please let me know. Everything is going on as well as can be expected with me. I have been away from the battalion since the 17th of May, in hospital, and now I am down at the base, but for how long, I could not say. Hoping you are in the best of health.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Dear Sir:—

I sit down to write you a few lines for the kindness in helping my dear wife, which she writes and tells me in one of her letters, in helping her to bear the expenses of our dear little girl, when she was in the Hamilton Hospital with sickness for eight weeks, by paying the four weeks for her. I know it would be very hard for her to bear the whole of the expenses alone, after the expenses of her own operation which she went under. I also pray that the Lord will bless your good work and the good people connected with the Society, which I know, by the generous offerings, you will be able to help thousands of men like myself from the dear city of Hamilton, fighting for the King and country, and for humanity and God, on the field of battle over in Flanders. I, myself, left Hamilton with the 86th Machine Gun Battalion, and was drafted to the 49th as a Company Machine Gunner. I came back to England from the Vimy Ridge last April the 12th, and on the mend; am doing fine, with the aid and good care taken of me in the hospital.

I will close my letter, wishing you every good success, and may God bless you all in the fair city of Hamilton.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir:--

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With regard to your request with cheque on the 15th, it is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of same. I have one child, but without the Patriotic money, it would have been impossible for me to have lived in a respectable home, as I have very poor health. Since my husband has enlisted, I have incurred doctor's bills amounting to over \$150, which I have nearly paid. I feel indebted to the Fund for their kindness, and thank them for their help. It would have been hard for my husband to have left me, but for the promise of the Fund to provide for us both, and it takes a great load off his mind to know, though far away for us both, we are being cared for. It is also nice to know that if any time one wants advice, it is nice to feel there is someone we are able to go to. Thanking you again for your kindness.

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Dear Sirs:--

Just a line in acknowledgement of your kind assistance in the past, and to say that I thank you all for the great help you have been to me and my family of 8. I do not know what I should have done if it had not been for your Fund. It would have been a great struggle for me, as there is only one that can help keep himself. Well, it was a great sacrifice we both made when he enlisted, as we have been married 18 years, and never been parted for 10 days, and then he was in hospital, but I am proud of him, proud to think he had pluck and nerve enough to leave such a large family to go and do his bit, and was no shirker. Well, I have 3 boys, and if they were old enough, they should go, or I should not call them my sons. What their father could do, they could do also. Well, I have started a bank account, but am sorry to say I cannot save very much yet. Again thanking you for the kind help, I remain,

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An Organization formed in the interests of the relatives of the men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the Chairman of Relief of the Local Committee:--

"In connection with other matters I had the opportunity of investigating some of the work of your Patriotic Fund, and the look in that I got you will understand was not from your offices, but the very reverse, and I am glad to tell you to-day from what I know of Hamilton in this particular, I know of no other centre that could really show the same bill of health as does your Organization. I believe very largely, this is because you applied human, instead of official administration.

"At the time I was in Hamilton, I was a little anxious to reach from unofficial sources, information as to the inquisitorial features we had met elsewhere, and I am thankful to say I found them wholly absent in the impertinent, unnecessary sense of the word."

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SOME OF THE WAR'S PROBLEMS

1. In June, this man left here for service. In August, his wife was still without assigned pay or separation allowance. The Hamilton Fund, by correspondence, obtained an adjustment of this, and pending that, provided for the wife and three young children. The wife had the misfortune to take in an undesirable boarder, separated from his wife. The Association made the woman's case one for special care and attention, and eventually found it necessary to invoke the aid of the Children's Aid Society, with the result that she was charged with being a person, unfit to have the care of the children. While the evidence did not disclose sufficient immorality to warrant the Magistrate in removing the children from the woman's custody, her allowance from the Fund was discontinued in the following March, with the result that she took a position, arranged for the care of her children, and eventually proceeded to the coast, where her husband could occasionally see her. The many interviews with this woman, and the consequent drastic methods, made her realize her position, and undoubtedly brought about the result of taking her from her demoralizing companions, and saving her from a permanent rupture with her husband.

2. The enlisted man had been earning \$15.00 a week, his wife, apparently always a bad manager, was handicapped by deafness. They were five children, and with the man's enlistment, she was in receipt of \$70.00 a month. She contracted debts for furniture, and the end of each month found her without ready money. The eldest child, a girl of eleven years, of necessity, did some of the buying, and the consequence was, undue extravagance and a growing waywardness on the part of the girl. The Fund arranged with a volunteer to receive the allowance from the Fund and disburse it on account of the children. The eldest child was sent to an industrial home temporarily, and the family placed on a better footing, generally. The man has since returned. The daughter was brought home, and the affairs of the family were in such a position that the man himself felt free to again enlist.

3. This man, an exceptionally desirable type of soldier, left his little family, to join the Second Contingent, happily situated in a nice home, with a N. C. O.'s pay and allowance. All seemed to go well until the wife developed a mental trouble, which made it necessary to remove her, first to the hospital, and then to an Asylum for Insane. The Fund took charge of the household placed the children in care of a competent housewife, kept the home intact, insurance, etc. paid, and made application for the

return of the enlisted man, which was granted. The wife's mental derangement was attributed to nervousness, caused by stories concerning the conditions of the men at the front, this prompt attention to the case undoubtedly resulted in a permanent cure of the unfortunate woman, and prevented the home from being broken up.

4. This man, before leaving for overseas, caused his wife considerable trouble. In this, the wife had appealed to the Fund, and her condition was benefited by that advice on more than one occasion. Among the friends of the man was one, who subsequently enlisted, but who made a point of calling on his friend's wife. To this, his own wife objected. When rumors of misconduct became more definite, notwithstanding careful investigation, nothing to warrant drastic measures was found. The wife, by mistaken charity, took into her house a young girl, whom she had before befriended, but who, unfortunately, had an unenviable reputation. The presence of this girl brought undesirable characters to the house, and the continued talk of the neighborhood had the result of embittering the soldier's wife, notwithstanding the repeated efforts of the Fund, she insisted on keeping this girl. It became necessary to take proceedings through the Children's Aid Society, and the two small boys were placed in a home. For a time, it appeared that this meant the final collapse of the woman's will power. Repeated interviews, some kindly acts, payments of old accounts, adjustment of back taxes, relief from pressing creditors, and interviews with the young woman, who was, to such an extent, the cause of the trouble, finally brought from the soldier's wife a promise that she would work and remove herself from her companions. This woman, for months, worked steadily, visiting her children regularly, buying clothes for them, and depositing monthly with the Patriotic Fund, her separation allowance and assigned pay, this being used towards payments on her home, and, in addition, made some deposits of money earned by herself, by her daily work in a factory.

5. A former recipient from the Fund suffered from kleptomania, which resulted in a charge of theft. Owing to the considerable amount involved, and the possibility that the small children might suffer, the Fund saw fit to intervene in her affairs, with the result that they found that she had made an improvident arrangement, in the adjustment of matters with her former employers. As a result of the Fund's interference, the party in question received only what was reasonable, and the woman's moneys have been safely invested for her. This woman

has since been located in another city, and is under the care of the Social Service Organization, who, at the request of the Fund, are helping her to live down the notoriety obtained, and prevent the children from suffering from the common knowledge of their mother's misfortune, in their former place of residence.

6. A young girl complained of misconduct on the part of her mother, which, being proved, resulted in the daughter's removal from the home, secured in a position, provided with some financial support and assured of the non-interference of the mother and her alleged paramour. The Fund's allowance to the mother was, of course, discontinued.

7. The wife of an N. C. O., who had the misfortune to receive a lengthy sentence for an offence while on service, resulting in his degradation and the cessation of allowance, came to Hamilton to avoid the notoriety of this condition in her home town. The local Fund investigation brought to light the fact that the man, a splendid soldier, had committed bigamy on leave. The wife and children were provided with temporary assistance and transportation to the home of her parents, where she is now able to have her children properly cared for, while she earns the moneys necessary for their support.

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Reproductions of Circulars

*To the Wives and Mothers
of the Men in Training
and at the Front.*



We have endeavored during the past fifteen months to administer the benefits of this Fund to the best of our knowledge and ability, with due regard to the merits and necessities of each particular case. While errors or mistakes may have occurred, it is always a pleasure to have them pointed out and rectified.

Some of these errors are probably the outcome of an imperfect system, but many are caused by the applicants to the Fund themselves. We believe that while we strive to help those entitled to our aid, they also can do much towards helping us, and more particularly can they assist us to preserve and guard the resources of the Fund.

It is only with the knowledge that the money so given is being honorably used, that the donors will be satisfied to replenish the Fund when it is required, and we, therefore, ask each and every one of you to notify us promptly of any improper receipt or improper use of the

money that may come under your notice, so that no injustice can be pointed to and no reflection made in connection with the administration or use of the Fund. We wish you to feel that in this Fund you have a friend, to whom you may come at any time for information or advice in all matters pertaining to your welfare. In all emergencies appeal to this office and not to other agencies, and always your confidence will be respected.

We expect of you that you establish and encourage a high standard of living in your neighborhood. To do this, all care should be directed to PAYMENT OF JUST DEBTS, careful spending, proper housing, regular attendance at church, the children's school attendance and a CAREFUL CHOICE of FRIENDS and company. The Fund will not tolerate the non-payment of bills for food and rent, and wishes to discourage the purchase of unnecessary furnishings, books and musical instruments, the payment for which may extend over a longer period than your allowance from the Fund. The Fund is for those in NEED. ALLOWANCES may at any time BE CHANGED TO SUIT THE NEEDS of the recipients,

and extravagance will tend to lessen rather than increase the allowances of those who practise it.

Let us again remind you of the advisability of STARTING A SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT and putting aside something regularly in order to accumulate a fund in case of trouble, sickness, or to make you independent when the soldier returns and is looking for work.

Any of the Banks will take deposits of \$1.00 or more at a time. Will you do this today, or will you put it off?

We desire to extend to you the Season's Greetings with the hope that the next New Year will see the end of the World War, which is now being waged, the Safe Return of your Soldier and a Happy Re-union for All of You.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND,
HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,
President.

W. H. LOVERING,
Chairman of Relief.

JANUARY, 1916.

SAVE AND SERVE!

The War will last many months. **Saving now** will make life easier for you on your Soldier's return.

A **Bank Account** is evidence that you appreciate this Fund.

If you have not opened one **do it now**. Use the enclosed Cheque, it may not long be so large. This Fund takes on more families every month, but contributors do not increase to the same extent.

Have you any spare time to use?

Perhaps **you** without neglecting your home, can take up some former work, some work you are fitted for, or prepare yourself to do so.

This will give you a chance to save.

English, French and Belgian women are doing manual labor and living on bare necessities.

Factories, Stores, Fruit Growers need helpers, and the Allies need their output to supply increasing demands.

Many homes need assistants. The pay in all these cases is good, the need is great and growing.

Allowances do not stop when you go to work.

You can save all your wages.

How many will help to supply the demand?

How many soldiers' wives, mothers, sisters and children will show they appreciate the growing need for "Service and Saving"? Are you one of these who will? If so, send in your name and address, and say what you are willing to do.

Remember it means no stoppage of allowance from the Fund.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

CYRUS A. BIRGE,

President.

Dated September, 1916.

W. H. LOVERING,

Chairman of Relief.

To the Wives and Mothers of Enlisted Men.

The close of another year finds this Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund still taking care of the dependents of our soldiers who are overseas or in training. It also brings with it the necessity for once again appealing to the public for means with which to continue this service.

We are having to face the complaint that we have been "too generous," that many of the women receiving allowances have been "wasteful and extravagant." We feel that this is not true except in few cases.

Seldom do we have even an acknowledgement of our monthly cheque, and we wish now that you would ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ONE, and at the same time tell us IN WHAT WAY WE HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN THE PAST, and in what position you would be if this Fund were no longer able to make you the usual allowance. WE WISH TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE PUBLIC "your side of the story" in our coming Campaign.

We hope to hear from you, and please give your soldier's number, rank and battalion, and your present address.

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO START A BANK ACCOUNT? You may tell us without fear of any change being made in your allowance on that account. We have encouraged saving. We have encouraged working. Have you in any way been able to add to your income? If so, we will be glad to know. WE WANT TO HELP YOU TO BE INDEPENDENT.

Unfortunately the end of the War is not yet in sight, and when the end does come there must be further delay in finding suitable employment for the many men, who have gone from Canada. Remember this in your expenditure and SAVE A LITTLE every month.

We desire to extend to you once again the Season's Greetings, and to renew the hope that the coming year will bring back to you your soldier, and that he too may be able to say that THIS FUND HAS BEEN AN AID TO HIM during the days of your separation.

W. H. LOVERING,

December, 1916.

Chairman of Relief

An acknowledgement of each cheque is not required, but ALL WHO HAVE NOT given their soldier's Number, Rank and Unit must do so now to avoid delay in future cheques.

All changes in soldier's Rank, INCREASES IN SEPARATION ALLOWANCE, discharges, returns, etc. and any change of your address must be promptly reported to this Fund.

Bring any complaint regarding Allowance, Assigned Pay, Separation Allowance or soldier's accounts to this Fund that every assistance may be given you.

"ASSOCIATED FIELD COMFORTS" WANTS KNITTERS ON SOCKS. If you have any spare time they will be glad to use it supplying the wool, which may be had at 151 Hughson St. South, or on market days at 7 James St. North, C. N. R. Office. ALL THESE SOCKS GO TO THE MEN IN THE TRENCHES IN FRANCE and to those who really need them and have no other means of Supply. Keep this in mind SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY SPARE MOMENTS and tell any one else who may help.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

FEBRUARY 1917

52 KING STREET EAST

PHONE 6850

SAVE FOR YOUR SOLDIER'S RETURN

You have already had a circular from the Government as to War Saving Certificates, perhaps you have already bought one, if not, this Fund will assist you to do so, or to buy another.

If you will sign the enclosed card instructing us to retain from your allowance \$3.50 for five months and \$3.75 for the sixth month, beginning with April 15th, we, for this \$21.15, will secure for you a War Certificate for \$25.00, if you have been entitled to an allowance during the preceeding six months.

This Certificate will be registered at Ottawa in your name. At the end of the full term of three years it will have earned for you 5½% per year.

This means no work or trouble for you. It may be the commencement of your savings. Every dollar lent the Government is secured to you, and helps to win the War. Only those who reply on enclosed card will be considered.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND
HAMILTON & WENTWORTH BRANCH

March 15th, 1917.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

It is probable that there will be again a shortage of coal during the coming Winter. You are advised to purchase now as much as you can store and have it delivered. If necessary this Fund may be able to help you by an advance to cover the cost, deducting it in monthly instalments. Please advise us if you need such assistance.

Agents from Child Welfare Bureau will call during the coming weeks—please receive them kindly and give the information asked; it is for your Children's good, and will be a great help to future children.

JUNE, 1917.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

Those who authorized the Fund to retain a portion of their allowance each month, since April, for the purchase of War Saving Certificates are notified that the amount retained this month, viz: \$3.75, is the balance required to complete the purchase and the Government Certificates will we hope, reach the owners with the next monthly payment.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Fund requires to be notified of any children for whom allowances is paid, who **HAVE NOT RETURNED TO SCHOOL AND ARE WORKING**. This is **IMPORTANT**, and difficulty in the future will be avoided if the notification is sent in at once.

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1917.

This month the Relief Committee has, in some cases, made a small addition to the monthly allowance, which will be continued during the winter months. It is hoped that if you have received such increase it may be found useful and you will ADVISE US OF ITS RECEIPT.

You are reminded that where a child has reached the age of 15 years the Committee, in certain cases, may agree to the continuation of the allowance, provided the child is retained in school. It is necessary to advise us when any child is working.

KEEP UP YOUR INSURANCE, SAVE A LITTLE EACH MONTH, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND BE CAREFUL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

We are always at your service for any advice on any matter. Notify us always in case of illness or death—we may be able to save much expense. Telephone 6850-6851.

BUY A VICTORY BOND if you can, TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO BUY ONE, AND BRING THE VICTORY NEARER.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

Hamilton, November, 1917

52 KING STREET EAST

PHONE 5850

It is hoped that during the past 39 months the Canadian Patriotic Fund has in some small measure been of assistance to the wives, mothers and children of Hamilton's splendid representatives in the World War.

The year 1917 has brought an increase in the Separation Allowances to the wives of Privates. **No reduction will be made in Patriotic Fund Allowances on account of such increase**, which will take effect during the present month and be adjusted in January.

The Hamilton and Wentworth Branch of the Fund extends to you the Season's Greetings, and assures you of a continued interest in yourself and your affairs. If any request has been overlooked, or any letter remains unanswered, it is because of the pressure of work, and a reminder of the particular matter will bring a prompt and, we hope, a satisfactory reply.

W. H. LOVERING,
CHAIRMAN OF RELIEF.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,
PRESIDENT.

HAMILTON, DEC. 15TH, 1917.
52 KING ST. E.

Canadian Patriotic Fund

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW ON THE FUND,
OR WHO MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO BE
PLACED UPON IT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
AND PRESERVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS.

When you first apply for benefit from the Fund, please bring certificate of marriage and birth certificates of your children.

Inform the office of the date on which the soldier enlisted, went into Camp or Barracks. Certificate will be required from Officer or the Militia Department.

Inform the office of the promotion of the soldier to higher rank and any change in amount of **Separation Allowance**. **If you are receiving more than \$25.00 advise at once.**

Notify the office of any addition to or death in the family, and send or bring certificate of birth. See that the office is informed of wages paid by the husband's employer. In no case must an allowance be accepted from the Fund where part of the soldier's former wages are being paid to anyone, or placed to the soldier's credit, except **by permission** of the Relief Committee.

Notify the Fund at once of the return or discharge of the soldier.

It is illegal to cash your cheque after the soldier is returned or discharged.

If in any doubt whether a portion of the amount belongs to you, return the cheque and what is due will be paid.

Notify the office of every change of address, otherwise cheques may be delayed.

Should you leave the City or County, ask to have your account transferred to the Branch where you are going to reside.

Indiscreet conduct or neglect of homes and responsibilities, may lead to a reduction or cancellation of the monthly grant. Try to exercise economy, to avoid debt in the absence of the soldier, and as rapidly as possible try to discharge any old debts.

Open a bank account if possible. Try to save something each month, if only a dollar, and put it in a Bank. See that the soldier's Insurance, Interest and Instalments on his house are regularly paid.

Pay and Allowances from the Government and the Fund continue until discharge, grant, or refusal of Pension, but some reduction may be made or the allowance reduced in case of outpatients on subsistence allowance.

The **maximum** monthly allowances will for the present be made **within** the following scale.

Allowances are payable by cheque on the 15th of each

The **maximum** monthly allowances will for the present be made **within** the following scale.

1. **Childless Wives**, married before enlistment where the requirements of the Fund are complied with, \$5.00 and, in some cases, \$10.00.
2. **Wives Married After Enlistment**, no allowance except under special health conditions. If a child is born, such wives will be treated as mothers married before enlistment except in special cases.
3. **Children** under 5 years \$3.00, 5 to 10 \$4.50, 10 to 15 \$7.50, but **only one of each** of the last two classes allowed at the maximum rate.
4. No allowance to any family may exceed \$40.00.
5. **Widowed Mothers**, will receive approximately what the son contributed to the household at the time of enlistment, minus the cost of his keep, but not exceeding in any case \$10.00. Where the mother is **not a widow** the consideration of applications will be governed by the existing circumstances. In all such cases an assignment of at least one-half the soldier's pay to the mother is required.
6. **Women** whose domestic duties do not require their attention **are encouraged to work** and save for their husband's return. **No deduction** will be made on account of working, except for very special reasons.
7. No deduction will be made for casual earnings.
8. Where women formerly working decide not to continue working the Committee reserves the right to discontinue or refuse any allowance.
9. **A Widower's Children** will receive such allowance as may be necessary in the particular case, if in the care of a proper guardian.
10. No allowance is made to families or dependants of men enlisting in Home Service Units or for Home Service Duties.
11. **Draftees** under the Military Service Act will be given similar consideration, but any of their wives married on or after December 10, 1917, will be considered as married after enlistment.

... of the allowance reduced in case of outpatients on subsistence allowance.

Allowances are payable by cheque on the 15th of each month and to that date.

Compassionate Grants are made only in cases of Exceptional hardship. Present allowances should provide for all ordinary requirements. Advice will be given in all cases of illness and death and the Fund will ensure a minimum of expense if consulted before definite arrangements are made. A Plot in the Hamilton Cemetery is available for the dependents of soldiers.

Advice regarding Pay, Allowances, Debts, Insurance, etc. is always available.

The office of the Fund, 52 King St. East, is open daily from 9 a. m. to 5.00 p. m., Saturday 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Applications for relief should be made between 10 and 12. The Relief Committee can be seen between 4 and 5 p. m. or by appointment at the Office of the Fund.

Telephone Nos. 6850 and 6851.

Please assist the officials, by informing them of any abuse of the Fund of which you may be aware. Such information will be treated as confidential. Whatever help you give the Fund in this way will benefit yourself and others.

These instructions are given in the interests of the soldiers and their dependents, and of the Fund and those who support it.

Your careful observance of them will be gladly appreciated by the officials of the Fund.

April, 1918.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

W. H. LOVERING, Chairman.

CYRUS A. BIRGE	N. SLATER	GEO. C. COPPLEY
ROBT. HOBSON.	R. K. HOPE.	J. P. BELL.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. D. T. ALMOND

Visitors. MRS. HALL. MRS. BOWLBY. MRS. DAVIS
MRS. REID MRS. LAWLOR
Hospital Visitors. MISSES HASLETT

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH.

There will certainly be a shortage of coal during the coming Winter. You are advised to purchase **NOW** as much as you need, if you can store it, and have it delivered. If you will provide half the cost, this Fund will advance the remainder (our limit cost of 3 tons), deducting it in instalments, or this Fund will place the order with your dealer on the same terms. *Lose no time* in deciding on your wants, as this offer is only open for a short period. Coal can be had **NOW**; *it may not be available later on. Call at the Fund office, 52 King Street East, on receipt of this. DON'T DELAY.*

MAY, 1918.

*The coal situation this Winter will be a **SERIOUS** one, local dealers will do their very best, but you are asked to **CONSERVE COAL** as much as possible. Don't start your coal fire until you must. Use **WOOD** if possible, especially in the Fall days. Orders for wood will be accepted **NOW**. Use **COAL OIL OR GAS** if you have a proper stove, during the cold spells and when your coal is delivered, if you are compelled to use it, give special attention to your stove or furnace that you may get the best results. Remember **COAL IS SCARCE**. If you have not placed your coal order, it might be well to see Mr. Wallace at Fund Headquarters, 52 King St. East.*

June 1918

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CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND, HAMILTON & WENTWORTH BRANCH.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Separation Allowance to be paid in future to N. C. O's and men of the C. E. F. will be at the rate of \$30.00 a month. This payment will be made as from September, and adjustment cheque should reach you in December. This increase of Separation Allowance **WILL NOT REDUCE THE ALLOWANCES** which may now or hereafter be **PAID BY THIS FUND**, but will be an additional income of \$5.00 per month to those now receiving Separation Allowance.

Coal orders are now being filled as rapidly as possible.

The epidemic of Spanish Influenza has delayed the work of our visitors, but they will, at as early a date as possible, call on you.

Consult us in case of need. Phone R-6850-6851.

W. H. LOVERING, Chairman.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

HAMILTON AND WENTWORTH BRANCH

52 KING STREET EAST

Are your children attending school regularly?

Are any working? Let us know.

In view of the prevalence of Spanish Influenza you will do well to bear in mind the rules laid down by the Board of Health regarding the care of yourself and your children. Do not hesitate to keep the latter from school, should there appear any signs of illness, and **send for a Doctor** and advise us.

The Relief Committee is now working on a new scale of allowances for all those having children, based on their number and not their age, and it is hoped it will be brought into force within a short time. Please furnish our Visitors who may call on you with any information asked. It is required for the purpose of dealing uniformly with all the families.

Telephones :
Regent 6850-6851

OCTOBER, 1918

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

The Relief Committee has this month, in some cases, where there are children to be considered, made an addition to the monthly allowance. During the month an increase in Separation Allowance to the wives of privates and N. C. O's will be adjusted. **No deduction has been made by reason of this additional allowance on the part of the Government**, and it is hoped that all receiving allowances from the Fund, will during the period during which they are in receipt of these allowances, be able to meet all obligations and save a little in anticipation of the return and discharge of the soldier. **If you have received any additional allowance from the Fund please acknowledge it. Should your soldier return home please advise us promptly. If your boy is over 15 years or your girl over 16 years, or if any of them are working advise us also.**

We have endeavored during the epidemic of Influenza to give assistance to those most in need, this has caused a great strain on the office staff, and we must ask this notification to prevent any misunderstanding. As during the past fifty months, the Relief Committee is still at your service on any matter. **Notify us always in case of illness or death, we may be able to save much expense and anxiety.** Telephones Regent 6850, 6851.

The Relief Committee recommend to your notice the **Canadian Government War Savings and Thrift Stamps**, these may be purchased at Post Offices, Banks and many other agencies.

The Relief Committee appreciate the splendid record of the wives and dependents of Hamilton soldiers, and at this Christmas season wish to extend to them best wishes and to express the hope that the New Year may see all those who may be free to return, safely established again in their homes, and that these homes may be a matter of pride to all of them.

CYRUS A. BIRGE,

President.

December 1918.

W. H. LOVERING

Chairman of Relief.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Hamilton and Wentworth Branch

52 King Street East

You are again reminded that you should advise us promptly when the soldier is discharged. **NOTE the ENDORSEMENT on your cheques.** If in doubt in the matter come to the office and if the soldier has been discharged for a month **DO NOT CASH THE CHEQUE UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE INQUIRIES.**

In all cases where you need assistance with documents or any matter connected with the soldier's service we are at your service at any time. Remember that we can always assist in illness and death.

APRIL, 1919.

Telephones : R 6850-1

POST DISCHARGE RELIEF

COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge	Geo. C. Copley
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Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C.	Col. Wm. Hendrie

W. H. Lovering, Chairman.

LADIES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. C. Hawkins	Mrs. W. H. Lovering
Mrs. H. S. Griffin	Miss G. M. Fairley
Mrs. D. Baldwin	Miss C. Crerar
Mrs. P. J. Myler	Miss E. E. Gibson

Emily F. Macpherson	Secretary
Lt.-Col. Geo. S. Rennie, C.M.G.	Medical Advisor
Lt. Alex. MacFarlane, M.C.	Legal Advisor

"The true victory will lie, not so much in the actual tactical gains on the battlefield to-day as in the quality of the men who have to carry on the work of the country after the war. War kills off the best of a nation's manhood; therefore, extra care must be exercised to save every child—not for its own sake or for its parents' sake, but for the sake of the nation. It has got to be saved, saved from infant mortality, then from ill-health, and finally from drifting into being waste human material. We have got to economize our human material. Each individual must be made, (1) healthy and strong, (2) endowed with character, for becoming a valuable citizen for the State."—Baden-Powell.

"You shall see it ended,

This mighty work to which your souls are set;
If from beyond—then, with the vision splendid,
You shall smile back and never know regret."

With the conclusion of the war, and the rapid demobilization, certain problems, at the time apparently insignificant, but which bade fair to assume considerable proportions, if not adequately dealt with, arose in various centres, and indicated the need for preparation to meet them. The chief among these was the problem of post war relief, as it concerned the wives and dependent relatives of discharged soldiers. According to the generally accepted interpretation of the Act by which the Fund was incorporated, financial assistance could be extended to soldiers' families, only so long as the man was actually on active service. On his discharge and return home, presumably resuming his domestic responsibilities, the supplementary assistance formerly enjoyed by the family from the Fund, came to an end, and theoretically, at least, on the discharge of the last man on the books of the Fund, all accounts would be closed. It soon became apparent to those closely connected with the work of the Fund, that the ideal conditions, which would permit the soldier's family to no longer require the financial and personal help and interest of the Fund and its various Committees, would not be realized. It was realized that emergencies would arise in the reconstituted soldiers' families, living as many do, with no chance to provide for such emergencies, and the question was being asked, "Shall such cases be relegated to the care of ordinary local agencies for civilian relief?"

After a good deal of consideration on the part of Sir Herbert Ames, who, as the founder of the Fund, and primarily responsible for the wonderful organization created, felt that there was still work to be done by the Fund, it was decided, ultimately, to ask for an amendment to the Act incorporating the Fund, to permit of utilizing the moneys which might remain unexpended in the hands of the Fund for purposes of Post Discharge Relief.

Whether the Canadian Patriotic Fund should seek the powers to assume post-discharge responsibility, was for some time a much-debated question. There were good reasons why it should not do so, but the problem became so pressing and the need so immediate, that at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, held on May 30th, it was decided to petition Parliament to enact such amending legislation as would permit the Fund "to receive, collect, administer and distribute the Fund hereinbefore mentioned, for the assistance, in case of need, of the wives, children and dependents, resident in Canada, of officers and men, who, during the war that began in August, 1914, may be, **or may have been**, engaged on active service with the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty's Allies." An act to this effect was passed on July 1st, 1919.

The Fund believes that the Canadian Public feels that, while the State can hardly be expected to assume the responsibility for post-discharge disabilities, physical or otherwise, no deserving and self-respecting family of a man, within the scope of the Fund's work, should be entirely cut adrift in times of distress.

Regular monthly assistance may now be given in the following cases:—

- (1) Chronic or extended **illness of the bread-winner** including insanity, where no pension is to be had, and where illness is **not due** to post-discharge, intemperance or improper conduct, where he is rendered wholly or partially unable to properly support his family. Minor illnesses are not to be considered, tuberculosis, epilepsy, major operations, confinements, where properly certified to by the Fund's medical advisor, will be considered.
- (2) Chronic or **extended illness of the mother**, or of the child, or other dependent, involving expenditure beyond the ability of the ex-soldier to provide.
- (3) Death of the ex-soldier **prior to January 1st, 1921**, after discharge, but from causes not due to service and non-pensionable.
- (4) Deserted wives and deserted children **where the desertion took place within three months** after the man's reunion with family.
- (5) **Widowed mothers** and aged parents left without the support of a son, who was their former sole support, or substantial support, where there are no other children able to assume the responsibilities, including a widowed mother, whose son has married, and died during military service, where the pension is paid to his widow.
- (6) **Unmarried wives** with children, who have been recognized during the war as dependents, but who have been abandoned by the soldier, within three months after discharge.
- (7) **Disabled soldiers of the Allies** with families, where allowance provided by their Governments are insufficient, and the soldier is incapacitated at least 50%.

Temporary or emergency assistance may be given in the following cases:—

- (1) Where Government moneys are delayed or gone astray.
- (2) In cases of illness or accident to the soldier temporarily incapacitating him from supporting his dependents.
- (3) Death entailing expense of medical treatment and funeral expenses.
- (4) Where there is an application for increased pension, or for re-examination on an application for pension, or application for treatment or training under the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, where there is a likelihood that the man will be admitted.
- (5) Imperial soldiers taking vocational training or treatment under the S. C. R. **Allowances for children physically or mentally infirm** may be continued beyond the age of 16, and may be continued for children following and making satisfactory progress in any **course of instructions or training** approved by the Fund up to the age of 21 years.

As a general principle of the Fund **no assistance** will be given **unless** the man saw active service **outside of Canada**, **no assistance** will be given to **able-bodied childless wives** and no claim on behalf of a wife married **after the ex-soldier's discharge** shall be considered, nor shall the dependents, who return to Canada after January 1st, 1920, be considered eligible for assistance.

Consideration is to be had of **potential earnings** of wife and children or other dependents, and of any liquid assets the family may have available.

In all cases War Service Gratuity, allowances from the S. C. R. and Board of Pension Commissioners are to be taken into consideration. The ordinary **Canadian pension** is to be, **generally speaking, considered sufficient**, and no grant may exceed the pension scale in force. **Self help** is to be encouraged to the fullest extent. **Unemployment** of the ex-soldier **will not, of itself, constitute a claim** for assistance if he is fit to work, voluntary idleness, or non-employment, due to improper conduct of the ex-soldier or other adult of the family living with them, should debar the family from receiving assistance. **Every effort will be made to avoid the danger of creating a class that will tend to relax personal effort and lean on public benevolence.**

All loans, advances or assistance must, of course, be made to the dependents. It is understood that the Fund cannot take care of the needs of single men or men without dependents.

In cases of desertion by the man, every effort will be made to trace the deserter, and make him assume his obligations, and, where possible, an application will be made to divert to his wife any gratuity, or other moneys due him.

LOCAL POST DISCHARGE WORK

This is being carried on with great benefit to a number of local families. At the request of the National Executive, the County of Halton has been included in the Fund's jurisdiction, under the Relief Committee, augmented by Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C., Lt.-Col. R. A. Robertson, and Col. William Hendrie, whose interest in the object of the Fund cannot be doubted. To date there have been considered 593 applications in this connection. These are of an interesting and varied nature, covering the deserted wife, the mother whose son has married, the widow whose husband's pension is not available to her by reason of the cause of death, the needs of new-born children, the adjustment of domestic disagreements, the need of Sanatorium treatment for mothers and children, assistance in procuring homes, and the necessary advances by way of loan against War Service Gratuity to encourage these. A classified statement of the local work is interesting:

Number of post-discharge cases	593
Number of persons involved	2256
Number of regular monthly grants	31
Reasons for application:—	
(1) Death	10
(2) Chronic illness of man	40
(3) Illness in family	66
(4) Confinements	40
(5) Emergency relief	68
(6) Home purchases	16
(7) Death of soldier, no pension	5
(8) Desertion of soldier	37
(9) Desertion of wife	3
(10) Death of wife	3
(11) Death of children	8
(12) Funeral and medical expenses	18
(13) Marriage of son	6
(14) Delayed monies	149
(15) Hospital treatment	25
(16) Equalization of pension	8
(17) Applications to divert man's allowance	14
There are now undergoing hospital treatment	9
Children in Homes, with payments by or through the Fund	21
In Sanatorium at Fund's expense	3

Loans to date	\$10,713 44
Compassionate allowance to date	6,779 61
Monthly grants to date	3,860 23
Total disbursed to date	\$21,353 28

The maximum allowances permitted to be made in these cases are practically those approved of by the Board of Pension Commissioners. The local Committee has a wide scope in their consideration of all cases. They meet weekly. The Chairman is available daily for emergency grants and problem cases. Geo. C. Copley is in charge of the Loan Department; Col. Hooper of cases involving diversion of pay. From time to time, as new problems arise, they are submitted by local Committees to the Advisory Committee at Ottawa, on which Hamilton is represented by its Chairman of Relief, W. H. Lovering, and where the need seems to warrant new regulations and variations of policy are from time to time promulgated.

The staff of the Fund will, for the purposes of Post Discharge work, require to be kept intact for some time to come. Recently there has been added to it Miss Emily F. Macpherson, for some years District Secretary of the Charity Organizations Society, Edinburgh, and Miss Helen Wright, during the War, an Overseas Nursing Sister, who, with Mrs. P. H. W. Davis, Mrs. E. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. B. Lawlor and Mrs. P. Reid, are available always for both office and home visits, and to give aid in promptly considering applications for assistance and in giving service of any helpful nature to those within the scope of the Post Discharge work of the Fund.

The Fund is in conjunction with Mr. R. B. Barron, London, England, doing considerable work in many complicated matters arising out of the War, the unmarried mother, bigamous marriages, and the illegitimate child, are items naturally consequent on war conditions. The husband, separated from his family by discharge in England, his former home, sometimes wishes to arrange for the return of his family in Canada, the location of men who have sought to re-establish themselves in Canada, such matters are looked into, both here, in England and the United States. In the latter country much helpful service has been rendered by the Civilian Relief Department of the American Red Cross Society. Of necessity, such cases cannot be made a matter for statistics, but they have involved a great deal of time and consideration on the part of the Chairman of the local Committee and the Staff.

LOANS

The work of Post Discharge Relief early showed the desirability of permitting married men to commute their War Service Gratuity to enable them to acquire homes by a substantial cash payment, or to meet exceptional demands, and accordingly the Hamilton Branch undertook to make loans against the War Service Gratuity, and aided further in the case of home purchases by tendering the services of a competent land valuator, and by verifying the title to the property being purchased. The Chairman of Relief doing much of this work, 16 loans of this class have been made, of amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500.

One hundred and eighty-four other loans have been made, involving in all \$8,599.61.

Repayments in all cases have been most satisfactory, and in the cases of home purchase all have proved of great benefit to the men and their families.

As the provisions for Post Discharge Relief become known, more opportunities for service to those for whom they were framed will present themselves. Each month shows an increased number of applications, and an increase in the number of cases referred to the Relief Committee by individuals and organizations interested in soldiers' dependents. Particulars of the scope of the Fund's work have been sent to many persons and organizations who have an opportunity of learning of cases which the Fund may be permitted to aid. It is most desirable that the resources of the Fund be utilized as intended, and to that end the co-operation of every person and organization is sought, always will careful and sympathetic consideration be given to all applications, and whenever possible prompt relief will be granted or the required aid provided. The Fund's officers and Staff are ever at the service of ex-members of the Forces and those dependent on them, to the fullest extent of their ability.

Regular allowances are based on the number in the family, emergency grants on the particular needs. Hospital, Medical and Surgical treatment and Funeral Expenses can always be arranged for at a minimum of expense if the Fund be given an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements.

SOME POST DISCHARGE PROBLEMS

1. Widowed mother, aged 46. Only son enlisted May, 1915, saw service in France and was invalided home, March, 1918, and discharged May, 1918. Now inmate of an Insane Asylum, from causes not due to service. Mother has two daughters, aged 21 and 23, latter also confined to Insane Asylum, and former contributes small amount to Mother's support. Allowance of \$32.00 monthly granted by Fund from Aug. 1st, 1919. Application for pension being made.

2. Widow, aged 30, and 1 child 11 months old. Husband enlisted April 1915, discharged November 1917, after seeing service in Canada, England and France. Died November, 1918. Widow not eligible for pension and has no means of support for self and child. Husband was in receipt of pension of \$6.80 per month up to time of death. Applicant granted an allowance of \$60.00 monthly. Case to be reconsidered one year from date of commencement, August 1st, 1919.

3. Wife, aged 48, five children under age limit, also one daughter aged 20 and one son aged 19, former suffering from tuberculosis. Soldier served with forces in Canada and France; enlisted Jan., 1916, discharged Nov., 1918. Now taking vocational course under D. S. C. R. Application being made to pay expenses of daughter while undergoing treatment in Sanatorium. Applicant received assistance from Canadian Patriotic Fund during soldier's military service. Grant of \$30.00 monthly to be paid while daughter is in Sanatorium. Case to be reconsidered when soldier has completed his Vocational training.

4. Wife aged 30 and 2 children aged 10 and 8 years. Husband British Reservist, recalled August 1914, discharged May 1918. Granted a pension from Imperial Government of \$9.97 per month. Is now receiving medical treatment in Military Hospital under D. S. C. R., being paid allowances on Imperial scale. Family have no other means of support. Allowance of \$14.00 per month, granted to bring income up to the same as that received by former member of C. E. F.

5. Wife aged 35 years and 4 children, aged 11, 9, 7 and 2 years. Husband saw service in France, enlisted May 1915, discharged March 1917, died of pneumonia March, 1918. At time of death was in receipt of pension for himself and family totalling \$35.00 per month, besides salary of \$100.00 per month as secretary. Left small insurance, also home, mortgaged, small pen-

sion granted to widow on account of children—none for self. Children must be cared for, and is unable to do heavy work. Grant of \$48.00 monthly allowed, provided woman ceases work to take care of children.

6. Mother aged 60 years and father aged 71 years. Only son enlisted March, 1918, with C. E. F., but was transferred on arrival in England to Imperial Army. Served with Royal Engineers on duty between England and France. While on service received a blow on the hip. Discharged May, 1919. Resumed former work, but became ill and was sent to hospital, where it was discovered that he had a fractured hip bone. Impossible to tell whether this was due to former injury or not. Later sent to Hospital under D. S. C. R., where operation was performed. Died as result of same, August, 1919. Mother refused pension as father is able to earn a little. Man is old and feeble; makes \$10.00 per week when health permits. Allowance of \$35.00 monthly granted.

7. Wife aged 37 and 4 children aged 14, 9, 7 and 5 years. Husband enlisted June 1915, saw service in France, was wounded and gassed. Discharged September 1917, after treatment in Hospital. Died of influenza and pneumonia, December, 1918. Widow not receiving pension. No insurance and applicant unable to take position owing to delicate health. Lives with her mother, who is also a widow, pays \$9.00 per week board. Application being made to B. P. C. Soldier's Benefit Fund, and also for W. S. G. Grant of \$60.00 monthly allowed.

8. Widow aged 38 years and seven children aged 14, 13, 11 (twins), 10, 7 and 6 years. Husband was a Sergeant in the regular Imperial Army for eight years. Received his discharge in 1903. When war broke out in 1914 soldier returned to England and rejoined his old regiment. Discharged December, 1914, unfit for war service. Was sent to a hospital and later to Insane Hospital, Hants County, England, where he died. Husband received a pension of \$23.00 quarterly up to the time of death. Widow does not receive any pension as death was not due to service. Applicant earns \$8.00 per week in the summer and \$3.00 per week in the winter. This necessitates going to a village two miles away and leaving the children to care for themselves. House rent free. Allowance of \$90.00 monthly, provided woman stays home to look after family.

9. Mother aged 62 years, has 7 married children and 2 single, aged 28 and 20 years. Seven sons served with Imperial and Canadian army. Two killed in action. One son who was main support enlisted about October, 1914, with Imperial Army, and

was killed in action April, 1916. Other children do not contribute to parent's maintenance. Son aged 28 is inmate of Insane Asylum, Liverpool, England, result of service, and daughter 20 years, does not live at home. Father is mentally deficient and cannot earn much. Application made for Imperial pension, but decision not rendered yet. Allowance of \$30.00 monthly until pension is granted.

10. Mother aged 59 years, and one son aged 15 years, also 6 married children and one single daughter, aged 23 years. Soldier enlisted in Imperial Army, May, 1918; died of wounds in France, October, 1918. Mother granted pension of 9s. 2d. per week. Owing to the fact that family did not live in Canada before the war this pension cannot be supplemented to equal a Canadian pension. Mother is delicate and her expenses have been very heavy. Lives with a married daughter; pays \$10.00 per month rent; girl aged 23 earns \$8.00 and \$9.00 per week. No other income. Allowance of \$15.00 monthly as Imperial pension is inadequate.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN 1918

The epidemic of Spanish Influenza attained serious proportions; in the early days of October, 1918, many dependents in the Fund's care were reported ill, and eventually the city hospitals were unable to accommodate some of them, whom the Fund desired to provide with hospital treatment. Several untrained Nursing Assistants were made use of as far as possible, but it soon became evident that something more must be done to cope with the epidemic, in so far as it was affecting the women and children in whom the Fund was interested, and the Chairman of Relief suggested the opening of a hospital solely for the care of these.

Several premises were offered for the purpose by Sir John Hendrie, Major H. L. Roberts, Major-General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn and E. H. Ambrose, but eventually "Ballinahinch," the handsome one-time homestead of the late Edward Martin, K.C., on upper James Street, was obtained, having been generously loaned to the Fund for this purpose by his sons, D'Arcy R. C. Martin, K.C., and E. K. C. Martin, the Trustees.

This house was beautifully located, well isolated, with large rooms available as wards and was taken over on October 16th. Through the kindness and co-operation of many people, the necessary work, including lighting fixtures, repair of plumbing and heating apparatus, was completed. Having been closed for many months, there was much to be done. The Department of Militia and Defence, through the Officer i/c Supplies and Transports, furnished 20 military beds and bedding, and Dr. W. F. Langrill, Superintendent of the City Hospital, advised as to the necessary hospital supplies, all of which were purchased immediately and transferred to the Hospital. The Fund was fortunate in securing as Nurse Matron, Miss M. P. Pegg, an experienced local graduate nurse, and a number of local ladies volunteered their services as nurses and V. A. D.'s.

The hospital opened for patients on the 19th of October, under the name "Relief Hospital," and continued without interruption until the 21st of December. During that period there were treated in the hospital 96 dependents of the Fund as patients, and 6 of the staff, who contracted the disease in the course of their service, in addition to whom there were 5 other patients temporarily at the hospital, who were later transferred to other hospitals on the advice of their attending physicians. The large number of children offered as patients made it neces-

sary that several cots be provided, and eventually three large wards and three private rooms were in constant use. The total days of residence was 1215, and the good results obtained for these patients was due to the splendid nursing and devoted attention and care of the nurses and V. A. D.'s; there were but 4 deaths amongst the patients, all of whom had the benefit of their own physicians, in addition to which, two doctors, attached to the local Military Hospital, visited each day and advised with the Nurse Matron in charge. All purchases were made through the Chairman of Relief, who was always available to the Hospital Staff. No charge was made for hospital treatment.

The store room, kitchen and supplies were in charge of volunteers. The I. O. D. E. sent supplies from their kitchen, and a number of local ladies and gentlemen contributed suitable foods and little luxuries for the benefit of the patients. The Canadian Red Cross Society, the Catholic Women's Guild, and Secours National, supplied much bedding and hospital garments, lessening the cost of maintenance very materially. Others loaned some desirable furnishings, and still others aided the tired nurses by use of their motor cars for occasional recreation. There were 33 city doctors in attendance at various times on the different patients, and none of these at any time had ever cause for complaint against the personnel of the hospital or their work. A number of voluntary contributions of money reached the Chairman of Relief, enabling him to secure the services of Trained Nurses for relief night duty in the more trying periods, and through the kindness of the Minister of Militia and Defence, the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, C. M. G., three nursing sisters were, during the most strenuous period of the epidemic, made available for night relief work, without cost to the Fund.

It is impossible to adequately pay tribute to the self-sacrifice and labor involved in the hazardous service so freely and effectively rendered by these ladies of Hamilton, who set aside their own domestic obligations, that they might do their part in the exceptional need that arose during this distressing period in this city's history. It is gratifying to know that on learning that Hamilton was the only city which had rendered this especial service, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Fund, saw fit to make special commendation of the service of the volunteer Nursing Assistants in the form of a personal certificate expressing the thanks of the Fund.

Among those who gave their services to this splendid work, many of them during the whole period, were:—

Miss M. P. Pegg—Matron.

Miss M. B. Rousseaux	Miss Harron
Miss Eliz. Husband	Miss May Clark
Mrs. Wm. Ostler	Miss Lina Biggar
Miss Ptolmey	Miss Marian Still
Miss Violet Clifford	Mrs. A. R. Hendrie
Miss F. E. Barker	Miss Leslie Sutherland
Miss Geraldine Grantham	Miss Theo. Watson
Mrs. H. G. Snow	Miss N. Galvin
Miss E. B. Davidson	Miss Betty Aitken
Miss G. E. MacNamara	Miss A. L. Thomson
Mrs. M. S. Thomson	Miss Leah Philpott
Miss Campbell	Miss Florence E. Garden
Miss Madeline Trenaman	Mrs. W. H. Lovering
Mrs. C. A. Birge	Mrs. F. H. Whitton

Rev. D. T. Owen, Rev. S. Daw, Rev. G. Forneret and Rev. A. J. Leyes were among the clergymen in attendance.

The total cost to the Fund of this hospital was about \$2,000. To have provided treatment in the City Hospitals, had they been available, would have cost more, and the Fund by maintaining the Relief Hospital made possible the care of needy civilian cases. The supplies and fittings left at the conclusion of the work were contributed to the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium, the Children's Aid Society and St. Mary's Orphanage. The hospital worked under a set of rules, and the discipline and co-ordination of all interested throughout the whole period of service is worthy of the very highest praise.

In addition to this Hospital Service, 12 Visiting Helpers were provided to help mothers in afflicted homes.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION DEPARTMENT

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Cyrus A. Birge	George C. Copley
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"To this hour I cannot think of the heroism of our soldiers without wonder—without wonder and reverence. There has never been in the history of mankind such a courage as theirs. Never! Think what it was. The least of us is capable of a flash of valor. In a sudden emergency the meanest of us might be brave. Once or twice in his life a coward might do noble things. But think what these men did. It was not for an hour, nor for a day, nor for a week, nor for a month, nor for a year that they did fine things."

"They endured with patience, even with humor, and at the end flinging themselves upon the enemy, they drove him head-long, they drove him out of his trenches, sent him flying, beat him, beat him to his knees. There has been nothing like this in the history of the world."—Lloyd-George.

As long as we see this picture we may trust ourselves to be just and generous to the men who saved Canada from the Hun.

By Order-in-Council, P.C. 2469, of December 9th, 1919, the Canadian Patriotic Fund, through the medium of its several Branches, was authorized to administer the Appropriation made during the last session of Parliament to provide assistance for all necessitous cases of "Unemployment" among ex-members of the Forces. This Appropriation which the Canadian Patriotic Fund have undertaken to administer shall be known as the "Federal Emergency Appropriation for ex-members of the Forces."

METHODS AND POLICY.

For this purpose there has been formed a **separate Department** of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the administration of the Appropriation, and an ex-member of the Forces is to be a member of each Local Committee dealing with the administration of this Department of the Fund's activities. Lt.-Col. B. O. Hooper, D.S.O., M.C., and Col. Wm. Hendrie are members of the Local Committee.

"**Ex-Members of the Forces**" shall represent and include any person domiciled in Canada who was enrolled or drafted during the late war.

- (a) For service in the Military Forces of Canada.
- (b) For service on the High Seas, in the Naval Forces of Canada.
- (c) For service in the Air Forces of Canada.
- (d) For service in any other Forces of His Majesty or of His Majesty's Allies or any associated Power.

Provided that such persons have seen service Overseas, or in the opinion of the Local Committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, are in need of assistance **by reason of their Military Service.**

Domiciled means a man who was living in Canada prior to the outbreak of war, and has returned to Canada, or any of the foregoing, who have lived in Canada for a period of two (2) months prior to making application for assistance.

Financial Assistance to ex-members of the Forces for the purposes referred to shall be given only during or for the months of December, 1919, January, 1920, February, 1920, March, 1920, provided, however, that in cases where extreme hardship may otherwise prevail, an officer or officers to be designated by the Canadian Patriotic Fund with the concurrence of the Government representative, may extend such assistance for the month of April, 1920.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLAIMS FOR ASSISTANCE.

Those entitled to assistance from this Appropriation shall be necessitous cases among the ex-members of the Forces, arising from **unavailability** of employment, or **enforced inadequate** employment during the winter of 1919-20.

No assistance shall be given unless the applicant submits a certificate issued by the duly authorized Information and Service Branch Representative of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-Establishment, to the effect that employment is not available for him, provided that the Government in each district shall name such representative.

That the actual necessity for assistance shall be enquired into in each individual case by Officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, who shall determine the amount from time to time, of assistance, if any, to be given, and the duration of the same.

Allowances in the first instance shall not be for a **period exceeding two weeks**. Further assistance may be given on the presentation weekly of a card from the said representative of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-Establishment that there is no employment available for the applicant.

"Necessitous Case" shall be deemed to include and mean the case of an ex-member of the Forces who is unable to secure such employment as will yield sufficient remuneration to provide for himself and his dependents or for whom such employment cannot be secured by reason of there being no employment available as certified by the Representative of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment. It shall also include the case of an ex-member of the Forces for whom employment can be found, but at a rate of remuneration insufficient for him to provide for himself and his dependents, provided that the amount of any assistance granted in such case shall with the earnings of the applicant, not exceed the maximum amount which may be granted under the regulations to an ex-member of the Forces who is unable to secure employment of any kind.

All payments shall be made by cheque, drawn on a special form provided by Head Office.

Where employment can be obtained by an applicant **away from his home**, the Federal Emergency Appropriation Department may provide transportation for the applicant, and, if necessary, for his dependents. Before any financial assistance of this nature is given, the applicant must submit a certificate from the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, to the effect that definite employment for a **reasonably long period** is immediately available at the place to which he is to be transferred.

SCHEDULE OF ASSISTANCE.

- A. Man and wife, at monthly rate of\$ 75.00
1st child under boy 16 (girl 17), at monthly rate of.. 12.00
2nd child under boy 16 (girl 17), at monthly rate of.. 10.00
Maximum payable, at monthly rate of 100.00
Provided that in cases of emergency further assistance may be given where the family is unusually large.
- B. Single man without dependents, maximum allowance at the rate of \$50.00 per month.
- C. Single man with dependents, same as schedule for married man.

All advances made by the Honorary Treasurer, Ottawa, to the Branch Fund upon requisition, are deposited in a special account by the officers of the Local Branch in the Bank of Hamilton, and kept separate from all other monies received.

An entirely separate set of records is kept of all expenditures made from the Federal Emergency Appropriation.

The report of this local Department from December 24th, 1919, to January 15th, 1920, shows:—

Six hundred and forty-five applications, of which 414 were by men totally unemployed, and 154 by men partially employed, or employed and receiving inadequate wages.

Of the various trades and callings there were included 205 unskilled laborers, 41 clerks and salesmen, 24 painters, 23 teamsters, 22 chauffeurs, 18 farmers, 16 carpenters, 11 shippers and 10 cooks.

Two hundred and ten applicants receiving an allowance did not apply for a further grant.

Seventy-one applications were rejected for the following amongst other reasons: Receiving gratuity; receiving Vocational Training with pay; receiving Hospital pay and allowance; partially employed and receiving a wage and pension amounting to the maximum allowed; not necessitous, by reason of discharge between 1915 to 1918; service of very short period in Canada only. A few of the rejections were: Leaving employment voluntarily when the grant became available, which was discovered on investigation; work available, receiving grants from other places.

Those who endeavored to secure grants illegally were few in comparison with the large number of applicants. Three were placed under arrest. Others reported to other possible application centres.

Thirty-five per cent. of the applicants were single men, 65 per cent. married men with children.

The average grant to single men was \$12.50 per week, and to married men \$20.00 per week. The amount expended in these grants was \$18,262.91.

The staff of the local F. E. A. Branch consists of six men, all returned soldiers.

In cases of need for medical attention it can be supplied to the families of men in receipt of allowances from this Department in special cases.

The Committee has given daily service in the oversight of the work, giving instructions to staff, arranging for the coordination of the Post Discharge Department, approving all rulings and signing all cheques. Every care has been exercised to make the Funds available only to such as were intended to be benefited by the appropriation.

**AUDITORS' REPORT ON TRANSFER OF THE
HAMILTON PATRIOTIC FUND**

(Boer War Fund.)

To the Trustees, Hamilton Patriotic Fund.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions, we have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Hamilton Patriotic Fund, from January 2nd, 1900, to November 18th, 1914, and submit herewith summary of these, in accordance with the cash book, as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Contributions received	\$12,283 10
Bank interest to June 30th, 1914	7,322 85
	\$19,605 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Relief payments	\$4,709 48
Memorial payments	1,031 94
Expenses	603 07
	\$ 6,344 49
	\$13,261 46
Interest accrued from July 1st, 1914	233 46
	\$13,494 92

The balance of \$13,261.46 is in accordance with the bank book, while I understand the accrued interest is \$233.46, making a total balance of \$13,494.92, for which a cheque is to be issued to Hamilton and Wentworth County Patriotic Fund.

Yours truly,

Sinclair G. Richardson.

November 30th, 1914.

Alex. H. Moore.

The relief payments made through the Treasurer, Mr. R. K. Hope, during the period from the declaration of war to the formation of the new Fund numbered 398, and meant the disbursement of \$1,709.48, in addition to goods and supplies procured from other sources, and to the Civic Fund disbursed for similar purposes. In connection with these payments Mesdames G. S. Rennie, Thos. Lester, F. S. Baldwin, W. H. Bell, H. S. Griffin, Wm. Hendrie, M. B. Holton, Thomas Hobson, P. J. Myler, L. E. Parry, C. A. Birge and Victor Ross, and Misses Florence Meakins and Vera Martin, furnished valuable assistance in visiting many of the families dealt with, and were able to supply other needs and give much encouragement to the wives and children in some special cases, where death and illness required personal interest.

A PARTIAL LIST OF HAMILTON'S VOLUNTARY GIVING FOR PATRIOTIC PURPOSES DURING THE WAR PERIOD

Canadian Patriotic Fund subscriptions	\$2,078,915 08
City of Hamilton (contributions and expenditures on account of war to 31st December, 1917) . .	697,918 64
Canadian Red Cross Society	271,180 29
British Red Cross Society	180,000 00
Secours National (including cash and goods)	237,000 00
Canadian Red Cross, Fruit Kitchen (fruit shipped Value)	125,000 00
Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Fund, 1918	75,000 00
I. O. D. E., City Chapters	72,165 70
Canadian Club, Save a Soldier	62,000 00
Belgian Relief Fund	61,608 69
British Navy League (Hamilton Branch)	57,904 98
Have a Heart Sunday, Mountain San (Returned Soldiers)	51,010 00
Y. M. C. A. (for military work)	50,000 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund	35,000 00
Jewish War Sufferers' Fund	30,000 00
Serbian Relief Fund	25,000 00
Hospital Committee, Paardeburg Chapter	23,700 00
Patriotic League, Hospital Ship Fund	14,000 00
Canadian Red Cross, Conservation Department . .	13,000 00
Catholic Women's Guild (for Associated Field Comforts)	11,799 70
Prisoners of War Fund (Mrs. H. Carpenter)	40,000 00
Associated Field Comforts	11,617 68
Italian Red Cross Collection	10,659 00
G. W. V. A., Clubhouse Fund	8,000 00
Halifax Disaster Fund	7,500 00
Hamilton Club (Tobacco Fund)	9,000 00
Rotary Club Collection (for G. W. V. A. Clubhouse)	6,798 00
Salvation Army (Overseas Hut Collection)	5,800 00
Queen's Canadian Hospital Fund	5,741 60
Knights of Columbus (Catholic Huts Collection) . .	4,850 00

East Hamilton War Relief	4,612 85
Scottish Women's Hospital Collection (Canadian Club)	3,424 00
Women's Tribute Night (G. W. V. A.)	3,400 00
Patriotic League	2,414 00
Polish War Relief (R. C. Churches)	1,503 00
Dieppe Officers' Hospital Fund (Mrs. W. Hendrie)	1,500 00
Maple Leaf Fund (Canadian Club)	1,010 00
13th Royal Regiment Christmas Gift Fund, 1916, 1917	750 00
Lithuanian (R. C. Churches) Fund	454 80
Harry Lauder (Million Dollar Fund)	350 00
Soldiers' Memorial Fund (Canadian Club)	137 00
Trench Committee's cash	3,758 00
Overseas Tobacco Fund	100 00
Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund	350 00
Women's Liberal Association comforts (Value)	1,500 00
Paardeburg Committee Comfort (value)	1,000 00
Tea Room Girls	5,200 00
Billikin Club	4,000 00
Hospital Sunday, 1918	8,000 00
Heroes Chapter, I. O. D. E.	8,319 00
Catholic Army Huts (2nd collection)	33,000 00
Allenby Chapter, I. O. D. E.	1,100 00
Navy League (Canada)	23,000 00
Great Allied Drive (not included in list)	121,000 00
Add to Navy League (British) contributions	560 00
Sanitorium Sunday	2,200 00
Salvation Army	50,000 00
Add to Secours National contributions	2,550 00
Add to Billikin Club (Bazaar)	800 00
Armenian collection	15,000 00
Jewish Collection (Destitute Jewry)	9,500 00
Y. M. C. A. (Triangle Fund)	25,000 00
Red Cross Tea Room	16,000 00
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The Executive desires to record their appreciation of the assistance of all those who, during the War years and since, have aided them in any way. It is impossible to mention all by name, but special mention should be made of the local newspapers and their several Editors for much publicity, especially during the several campaigns.

The estate of the late William Hendrie, for the use of office premises for over five years.

Lt.-Col. Clarence F. Smith, Helen R. Reid, officers of the Montreal Fund; Philip H. Morris, Executive Secretary at Head Office.

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Mewburn, Ambrose, Burbridge & Marshall, and

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The Hon. S. C. Mewburn, C.M.G., Minister of Militia.

The Secretaries of the G. W. V. A., and Branches.

John Anderson, M.M., President Veterans of France.

A. W. Kaye, the Secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

Lt.-Col. R. A. Robertson, the Chief Recruiting Officer.

The Mayors, Boards of Control, and Aldermen.

The Warden and members of the County Council.

The Local Representatives of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

The O. C.'s from time to time of C. E. F. Units quartered in Hamilton.

Dr. J. H. Holbrook, Superintendent of the Mountain Sanatorium.

Mr. J. H. McMenemy, City Relief Officer.

Lt.-Col. A. Chandler, S. A., Messrs. Pinch and W. H. Wylie, of the Children's Aid Society.

The Matron S. A. Rescue Home.

I. O. D. E., S. O. S. Service.

The Victorian Order of Nurses.

The City Deaconesses.

W. R. Whatley, Chief of Police, and the City Detectives.

The Police Magistrate.

Adam Brown, Esq., Postmaster, his assistants and the City Letter Carriers.

The ladies of the Billiken Club.

The Red Cross Society, Hamilton Branch.

The Trustees of the First Methodist and Centenary Churches.

The Manager of the Lyric Theatre.

H. Sweeney, Immigration Inspector.