

TO CARE FOR DEPENDENTS

OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS NOW ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS

The Patriotic Fund Committee to Undertake the Work—Soldiers' Wives Are Very Thankful.

The work of caring for and attending to the wants of the dependents of the Canadian soldiers now arriving from overseas is giving the authorities considerable thought. This work has been taken up by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and James H. Macnee has received an interesting letter in this connection from the assistant secretary of the fund in Ottawa. It is as follows:

"Dear Sir: The bringing home of the dependents of Canadian soldiers from Great Britain to Canada is our immediate work and one requiring special plans and care. In order that this might be accomplished with some degree of satisfaction to the women, the Government has made certain arrangements. From the time the women land on Canadian soil until they reach their various homes throughout the Dominion, there are three steps of the work of reception and welcome. First, the work at the ports of Halifax and St. John, which is under taken by local committees supplemented by workers from the local funds. Second, the work on the trains. Here the Red Cross has placed a nurse to give the women and children any attention that may be required. The third, and perhaps the biggest work, is that of welcoming and caring for the dependents of our soldiers at dispersal points where they are obliged to stop over and also when they arrive at their final destination.

"Realizing that the Canadian Patriotic Fund exists for the purpose of caring for the wives and children of our fighting men, the Canadian Government, through the repatriation committee, has asked the fund to be responsible for this work. At a meeting of the executive held in Ottawa on January 9th, the responsibility was taken, and arrangements outlined whereby it can be effectively discharged.

"It is hoped that in your city a special committee will be formed at once which will be charged with this special work, and which will secure the co-operation, if desirable, and possible, of local branches of the Red Cross, Travellers' Aid of the Y.M.C.A. and other organizations. This committee should undertake to meet the trains bearing soldiers' dependents and do everything in their power to make their journey comfortable. It should be noted that it will only be very rarely, if ever, necessary to make grants of money, as instructions have been sent to the ports of disembarkation that any money grants given there should be sufficient to carry the recipients to their ultimate destinations.

"The Red Cross nurse on the train will give you ample warning, by telegraph as to the number of women and children that will arrive in your city, specifying (1) The number that are passing through to other points, (2) the number that have addresses to go to in your city, (3) the number that have no accommodation waiting. She will distribute among these women vari-colored cards, Red to the first class of women specified; white to the second class and blue to the third class. The women will be asked to show these cards on arrival, so that the different classes can be quickly separated from one another."

In regard to this policy, an interesting letter from a woman who has just returned to Canada with her soldier husband, and who has never before been in Canada, written to local branch of the Patriotic Fund, is also interesting. It shows the gratitude of this woman for the treatment she received on her arrival in a strange land. She writes:

"Dear Madam: I am taking the liberty of writing to you because the ladies of the Patriotic Fund were so kind to me when I landed from the S.S. Scandinavian at St. John last Friday. I am a stranger here, and have no friends in this country. I expect to come to Kingston with my

husband, Private J. Verrette, in about ten days time, and as most likely he will be there until he gets his discharge, I intend to live in that town. Will you please to be so very kind as to write and tell me if it will be easy to find a furnished apartment. I am afraid I am troubling you a great deal, but your ladies are so good to the Canadians' wives that we feel at once as if we had found friends."

Needless to say the local officials of the Patriotic Fund are already making arrangements to receive this woman, and to make her comfortable.

R. F. ELLIOTT IS ELECTED

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Extension of Waterworks Intake Pipe Would be Very Costly—Reduction in the Price of Gas Oil.

At the inaugural meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Monday afternoon the two new members, Mayor H. W. Newman and Thomas Hewitt, were sworn in, and Robert F. Elliott was unanimously elected chairman. Mr. Elliott very courteously moved the re-election of G. Y. Chown, but Mr. Chown declined the office in his favor.

The December account of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission amounted to \$2,956.33, and was considered very satisfactory.

Much satisfaction was expressed over the reduction in the prices of many of the staple articles; and in anticipation of further fluctuations the chairman and the manager were authorized to purchase gas oil, in which there had been a reduction from 13 to 10½ cents a gallon. The accountant promised to have a statement of the gas, water and light standing ready for next meeting. The sum of \$2,000 was authorized for the purchase of additional switchboards that would enable the controller of the plant to isolate any interruption.

The question of extending the gas service to Osgoona Military Hospital was discussed. The nearest point is at the corner of Union street and Kensington avenue, and it was estimated that the cost of carrying it to the hospital would be \$7,980. The revenue from the hospital would not justify the expenditure, and the chairman and the manager were directed to negotiate for a ten per cent. advance by the Government toward the cost.

A statement was received from O. V. Bartels, city treasurer, respecting the salaries of civic employees, but it was laid over until the next meeting.

The report on the electrical pump showed a net saving to the waterworks of \$3,000 on coal consumed. A maximum of 300-horse power was maintained.

The manager was requested to take action respecting the proposed filtration apparatus and report to the next meeting.

A general discussion of the water system followed. The removal of the plant and the installation of a new system at a point in the west end of the city would cost from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and a proper sewage disposal plant would cost a very large sum. It was felt that the city was not in a position financially to consider these works at the present time.

The lien issued against the city by the Kingston Construction Company was discussed, also the company's failure to remove the pile of rock from the city property, and the chairman was directed to consult the city solicitor upon the wisdom of taking action against the company for damages.

The mayor asked for a better light at the G.T.R. station, and also that an electric sign, "Welcome," be placed at the station to be lighted when soldiers are returning.

Accounts to the amount of about \$26,000 were passed.

The death occurred in Brockville on Saturday of Francis Hannan. He had been ill for a few days of pneumonia. The deceased was born at Chambly, Que., in 1834.

"True determination never shies at difficulties."

Soldiers Home Coming Campaign



The Emergency Call

Many organizations are willing to assist a deserving case. The Salvation Army is ready to assist in any emergency. That is why the Salvation Army's need for funds at this time must meet with whole-hearted response.

With the repatriation of 300,000 soldiers, notwithstanding all that the Government is planning to do to meet the needs of the men, countless problems will arise, problems of human need, problems that must be met and coped with AT ONCE. They are not things that can wait.

That is why the Salvation Army Emergency Homes are centres of such steady activity. When an emergency arises in the home of a soldier who has done his bit, there must be prompt response, however difficult the individual problem. Here are a few typical cases:

Husband, a discharged soldier, goes to another town to work. Fails to send money home. Salvation Army finds family helpless with hunger and cold. No coal in house. Family all removed to Emergency Home, where in tiny, two-room suite, sufficiently furnished and warm, they can exist in something approaching comfort until the breadwinner can help them.

In an adjoining suite may be a mother and children on the way to rejoin father in another city. A missed train connection or any one of a hundred mishaps leaves them stranded for the night.

A room in a Salvation Army Emergency Home is seldom vacant for more than a few hours at a time, and with the crisis arising from the difficulty of re-establishing so many soldiers into civilian life, there must be no cessation in the work for lack of funds.

Salvation Army Million Dollar Fund THIS WEEK

And the Emergency Home work is just one small part of the work for which the fund is needed. The Salvation Army must provide comforts for the boys over there awaiting transportation home. The Salvation Army Hostels from France to Vancouver must be ready at all times to receive and entertain returned men. The soldier must be helped back to civil life; he needs a job; perhaps he returns to find his wife sick, and a friendly hand needed in the home now and then. The Salvation Army visitors find ample opportunities for service, and they are instrumental in holding many a home together.

The soldier's child has the right to be well born, and there will be many an ex-soldier heartily glad that his wife can benefit by the attention of doctors and trained nurses at the Salvation Army Maternity Home.

Many of the boys will return to happy homes, homes well provided for. Difficult as it may be for even these men to accustom themselves to the old ways of living, their problem is simplicity itself compared with that of the soldiers and their families that the Salvation Army will be called upon to help.

And this help MUST be forthcoming. Our returned men must not be left to drift. It is the personal problem of the nation to-day, and every thinking man and woman is thoroughly grateful that there is an organization equipped to meet the crisis—an organization trained for this very work—an organization whose work is founded on sacrificial service—whose every ministrations is prompted by such a love as that of the Good Samaritan.

Let your offering on behalf of the Homecoming Soldier be a measure of your sense of obligation to those who died for you on the battlefield.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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PARENT-TEACHERS AIMS
Much to be Gained By Exchange of Ideas.

The aims of the Parent-Teachers Association were outlined as follows by Mrs. H. T. J. Coleman, president of the local association at Friday afternoon's meeting:

The association aims in the first place to provide for mutual acquaintance and an interchange of ideas. Through a personal acquaintance with their parents the teacher gets to know her pupils better than she otherwise could. Through actual conversation with the teacher the parent learns more than she otherwise could of the sort of life her child leads during his hours of school attendance.

Secondly, we can discover ways in which we can co-operate. The teacher has a difficult and important task to perform and she needs not only the sympathy but the actual support of the parents. There are a great many problems connected with the intellectual progress with the health and the morale of pupils which can only be solved by the joint effort of the whole community, parents, teachers, Board of Education, and citizens generally acting together.

A third purpose which a parent-teacher's association may hope to achieve is that of keeping its members informed as to the best ways of meeting community needs. There have been all sorts of social experiments, some of them failures, some of them successes, and no citizen can remain in total ignorance of these without shirking a clear responsibility.

The training of the boys and girls of a community is so important and so all-embracing a task that practically every other form of civic activity when compared with it falls into a subordinate place. And we can make sure that this training of the boys and girls is effectively carried on only by training ourselves through conversation, lecture, discussion, and reading in all those forms of practical activity which fall naturally to our lot as citizens.

While our association will have for its guidance the experience of similar associations in other parts of Ontario, of Canada, and of this Continent, it will not carry itself. It will succeed or fail according to the degree of initiative, of loyalty, and of intelligence which we, as an organized body of citizens are able to command and willing to display.

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