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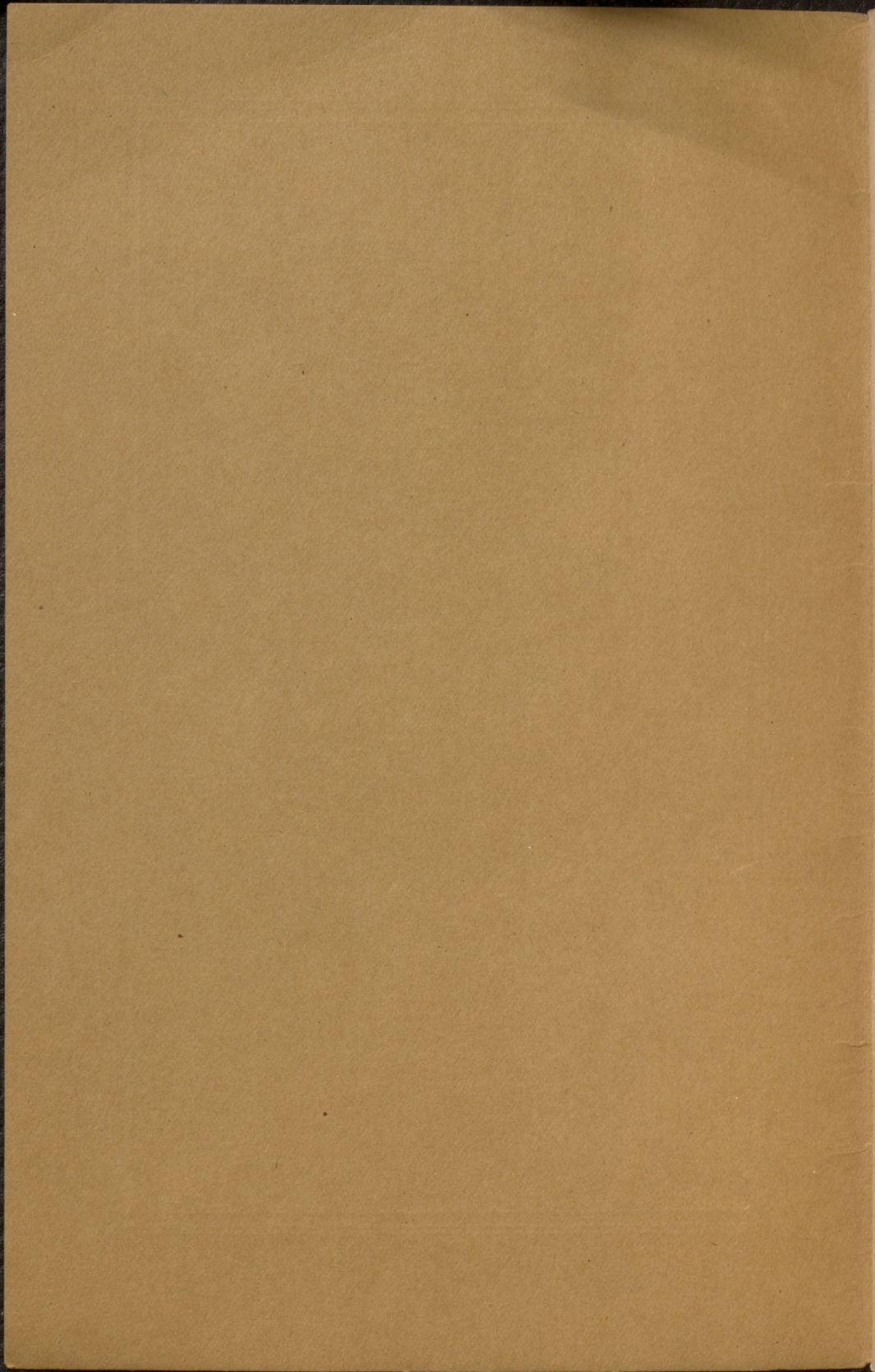
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*Aim and work of the
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TO bring the wives, relatives and friends of all soldiers into closer touch and sympathy with one another, so that they may be able, mutually, to aid and assist one another and their families in times of difficulty, trouble and distress.

SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE

OF THE
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Convener: MRS. FRANCIS PEACOCK.

MRS. REAY.	MISS RICHARDSON.	MISS DODWELL.
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Sewing Committee:

Convener: MISS BARWICK.

Hospital Committee:

Convener: MRS. GEORGE HANSON.

Christmas Work Committee:

MRS. GALLOWAY.

French Hospital and Relief Work:

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Soldiers' Comforts:

MRS. E. C. EATON.

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THE PRESIDENT OR SUBSTITUTE AND CONVENER OF EMERGENCY
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**REPORT OF THE MONTREAL SOLDIERS' WIVES'
LEAGUE**

for year ending Dec. 31st. 1916.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE Annual Meeting of The Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League was held on Friday, March 9th, 1917, in the League Rooms, Guarantee Company of North America Building, at 3.30 p.m.

There was present the Honorary President, Mrs. E. W. Wilson, the 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. E. M. Renouf, the Honorary Treasurer, Madame J. T. Ostell, the Honorary Asst. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Hodge, the Honorary Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edward J. Woodburn, Lt-Colonel F. M. McRobie, Mr. A. R. Doble, President of the Khaki League, the Rev. Frank L. Orchard and a very large number of members and friends.

The President Mrs. E. B. Busted presided. The meeting was opened with our prayer for the War and the National Anthem. A letter was read from Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire expressing her interest in the work of the League and her willingness to become its Patroness.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President in a few remarks welcomed the members and friends present and expressed her regret at the continued absence of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Minden Cole, through illness. The Recording Secretary presented the Annual Report, followed by the Treasurer's Statement; after which the Assistant Corresponding Secretary gave a complete record of the work of the office.

Reports were read from the various Branches and Regimental Committees as follows: Delormier Branch, French Military Hospital Work, Grenadier Guards, 97th Siege Battery, 107th Siege Battery, Field Artillery, Canadian Army Service Corps, 24th Battalion, 60th Battalion, 242nd Forestry Battalion, 244th Battalion, Kitcheners' Own, 5th Canadian Pioneers, The Military Benefit.

In an inspiring and patriotic address Lt-Colonel McRobie moved the adoption of the reports, seconded by Mr. A. R. Doble who spoke in terms of praise and sympathy of the work accomplished by our League. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Walter Sadler read the report of the Nominating Committee and moved that the officers therein named be duly elected. Seconded by Mrs. H. L. Pavey. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Orchard closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction, after which tea was served in the adjoining room,

presided over by Mrs. J. J. Creelman and Miss Costigan. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Mrs. G. R. Starke who was to have presided in the Tea Room, but was unavoidably absent through illness. Her very able assistants, however, provided a successful and delightful social half hour to the satisfaction of all those who remained.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. WOODBURN,
Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It would be out of place to take up the time of this meeting with any lengthy remarks, when we have so many interesting reports to be read. It is however, my privilege and pleasure to say a few words specially to the members of our League before we close the book on the work of 1916.

In looking back, we do so with gratitude and thankfulness, hoping and trusting that our efforts have been acceptable to those for whom they have been put forth.

While the wish in the heart of every one of us is that this brutal war may cease, because of the continued anxiety we have to endure for our men at the Front, because of the hard work to be done by those who are left behind, because our Allies are fighting for their very existence and because we know we are fighting for that which is right. For these reasons we are constrained to go on and go forward without one thought of weariness but rather rejoicing as the boys do in the trenches, if we are able to do anything that will help them to feel more contented about their wives, mothers and little ones whom they have left behind. Glad too if we are able to do anything that will make their life at the Front just a little bit more comfortable, (if that were possible).

In this connection, may I state, that in the hope of doing more efficient work for the women and children of our men at the Front, we expect in the near future to move into our long wished-for Home. Perhaps for the time being I might call it, "The Osborne House," generously given us for two years, free of rent by the Kinghorn Estate through Mrs. George McDougall. It has long been our desire to have a place where we could accommodate a soldier's wife while passing through the city, when such necessity arises or to provide a temporary home for any soldier's child or children who may be in need of such protection. We hope too, with the increased accommodation for the office, to carry on all the work of the League more efficiently.

While we have much in the way of office furniture, we will need much more and we hope as one member has given so generously, other members and friends will help us out in this new endeavour which we have before us.

This work has done much for us. We have learned to love each other in a way that would have been impossible under ordinary circumstances. We have learned to know each other and to value each other's abilities, as we never could have done under former conditions. With all my heart I thank you for your assistance, your courtesy, your kindness and your never-failing support throughout the year.

The Officers of the League, I could never thank sufficiently for all they have done. Untiring in their efforts and devoted to the work undertaken by them, they have enabled us to complete another year's work successfully.

To the Conveners of Regimental and Emergency Committees, those of you who come in contact with the soldiers' wives in your weekly meetings, when you gather to converse with each other, to knit, to distribute wool and become better acquainted and to those who visit in the homes, I would say, you are doing the best work, the work for which the Soldiers' Wives' League was organized—namely to bring the wives, mother, sisters and friends of all soldiers, be they officers, non commissioned officers, or men, into closer touch with one another, so that they may mutually aid and assist one another in times of difficulty, trouble and distress. You have a power and a privilege that the officers of the League do not have. Never forget, that no good effort put forth, no kindly word spoken, or loving deed done is ever lost, it must bear fruit, sometime, somewhere, and of which you may never know.

So I say to you all, go on, go forward, let us be more determined than ever to do our share, and not think of resting till the Conquest is won.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the year 1916 the Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League has continued it's work as formerly.

Weekly meetings have been held every Wednesday morning, with the exception of the Christmas holidays and July and August.

The Executive Committee has met on the first Monday of each month.

Through the great kindness and generosity of Mr. Rawlings, we have occupied these rooms in the Guarantee Building, with service, light and heat free of charge, and every day, morning and afternoon, meetings of the women connected with the various regiments are held under the direction of the Regimental Committees.

Mrs. George Starke, the Convener of our House Committee, very kindly supervised our moving into this building. We all know what the moving of a house means, but we found ourselves here almost without knowing that any move had taken place. We are most grateful to the House Committee for all that it has done for us.

As the days of the year have gone by, the work of the League has increased, as the following report of our various committees will show.

We have representatives on the Patriotic Fund Committee, the Khaki League, and the Italian Red Cross.

As the primary work of the League is that of looking after our soldiers' wives and children, our Emergency Visiting Committee may be looked upon as the most important Committee, formed solely to look after the families of our men enlisted for Home Service and of the returned soldier. The Convener, Mrs. D. Lorn Crawford, with her committee of 15 members, has accomplished a splendid work. To these ladies our thanks and deep appreciation are due for their untiring loyalty and devoted service so cheerfully rendered. It mattered not, however severe the weather or how great the distance, all cases were investigated within 24 hours. During the year, 127 cases have been investigated by this Committee, sent by the Patriotic Fund, Khaki League, Charity Organization, Salvation Army, Dr. Byers, of Ste. Agathe, private individuals, and through application at our office.

This does not include the cases investigated by the members of our Regimental Committees. Clothing was sent to 22 families, coal sent to 20, 26 Christmas hampers, weekly allowances of money for 17 families, water rates paid for 4, partial rent for 5, grocery bills for 2, babies' trousseaux given to 7 mothers, baby carriages for 5, cod liver oil, medicine, etc. for 3 children, weekly supplies of groceries for 23 families, doctors' bills for 2, an invalid chair provided for a soldier's wife, free transportation secured for a returned soldier, also for 2 families and for a widow with 2 children, the last mentioned being from Montreal to Edmonton, and we paid fare to Murray Bay and return for a sick woman, and assisted a woman and her children to return to England. Money has been loaned to returned soldiers to aid them in re-furnishing their homes, and to pay pressing debts, also to women returning from England on their way to the North West. Mourning has been provided for 6 war widows.

This Committee has expended \$375.00 for immediate help.

In addition to this special report of the Emergency Committee, insurance premiums have been paid for 2 soldiers, and funeral expenses for one woman and her child. Money was advanced to assist a soldier to bring his wife and family here from Detroit. Through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Johnston and the ladies of the American Presbyterian Church, a summer holiday in the country was secured for 11 children.

We have to thank Mrs. Robb, who has given us from time to time money for special cases out of the fund she is dispensing for a deceased friend.

Supplementing the work of the Emergency Committee the members in charge of the Clothing Bureau have had all the work that they could manage in endeavoring to supply the never-ending requests for clothing of every description. While we never have enough clothing at our disposal, we are most grateful to all the friends who have sent us garments new and partially worn, with

boots and shoes, for the many needy applicants who come to our rooms on the first and third Monday of every month, presenting a card of identification. During the year 2,335 garments, 413 new pairs of boots, shoes and rubbers, and a number of second-hand boots, 3 infants' layettes, 2 blankets, as well as bedding, gas fixtures, 2 gas stoves, baby carriages, and a child's sleigh have been given out by the Clothing Committee. \$150.00 was appropriated to this committee, beside gifts from generous members and friends. The Sewing Committee has been of great assistance in supplying children's garments, also a circle of ladies at Joliette, the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, the Municipal Chapter I.O.D.E. The Welcome Club of the Y.W.C.A., the Pung-U Circle and others. It has been a great satisfaction for us to have received from time to time a generous donation of clothing from Mrs. Aschah and the good women of Gaspé Peninsula, who in their long winter afternoons found much pleasure in doing their share of War Work by making us garments for our women and children.

We offer our warm appreciation to Miss Carter, Mrs. Peacock Mrs. Reay and Miss Richardson for their faithful services to this department of our work.

The Sewing Committee, under the convenership of Miss M. C. Barwick, has met regularly once a week throughout the year. The following articles have been made and distributed:—To No. 2 Khaki Convalescent Home. 59 sheets, 34 pillow cases, 75 towels, 229 garments, and 10 infants' trousseaux to the Clothing Committee. During the months of August and September, this committee met twice a week to make hospital supplies for the Soldiers' Comforts' Booth at the recent Military Benefit. This work was a most acceptable donation to the Benefit as it was the only booth where hospital supplies could be obtained. The Sewing Committee was greatly pleased to receive, towards the end of the year, another sewing machine from one of our members.

We now come to the report of our Christmas work. This season, which is always looked forward to with so much pleasure and anticipation, not only on the part of children, but by the mothers and the older members of families, brings with it a great deal of responsibility to the committee who undertakes this work.

It has been our aim, if possible, that no deserving case shall be neglected, or omitted from our lists. Nevertheless, it does sometimes happen that someone is forgotten or unavoidably left out, but, on hearing of these cases, parcels were sent long after Christmas. Gifts were sent to every child, under fourteen years of age, of the Composite Battalion, and a large number of the families of returned soldiers; 100 gifts and 50 pounds of candy to the soldiers' children in the Hervey Institute; 50 gifts to the Engineers' Christmas tree at Point St. Charles; 15 to the 242nd Forestry Battalion; 25 to the 24th Battalion; 130 to the Army Service Corps; 40 to the 5th Pioneers; \$25.00 for the Christmas tree of "Kitchener's Own"; gifts for 25 families on our Emergency list; a parcel of comforts to

an aged couple; 6 large parcels were sent by express to Huntingdon, Compton, Hull, Magog and St. Agathe, and all articles remaining were sent to the Childrens' ward of the General Hospital.

This Committee also provided a tea for 110 mothers and 273 children of the Composite Battalion, at the Victoria Rifles' Armoury on the 27th of December, and plum puddings for the Christmas dinner of the men on Picket Duty at the Grand Trunk Stock Yards.

To provide for all this, we are most grateful to the members who stood by our comforts' boxes and solicited gifts in the various departmental stores on the two Saturdays previous to Christmas to the children of the High School Kindergarten, through Miss Mary Campbell, for a large donation of toys and garments; to Mrs. R. J. Mercur and the members of the Dorval Women's Club, for a very generous donation of dolls, toys, puddings, cakes and clothing, to Mrs. E. A. Robert for a most acceptable parcel of blankets and new clothing, to the Montreal Women's Club, to the Pung-U-Circle, to Messrs. E. B. Eddy, to the Commercial Twine Co., to Messrs. McIntyre & Co., Limited, to Messrs. W. R. Brock Co., Limited, to Mr. N. Fortier, through whose kindness we secured wrapping paper and twine for all our parcels, to Lt.-Col. McRobie for having all our parcels delivered free of charge, and to all who contributed various donations. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. D. E. Galloway, Convener, Mrs. C. Virtue, Mrs. H. Palmer, Mdme. des Trois Maisons, Mrs. J. M. Wooding, and Miss F. Fortier for their devotion and earnestness, in giving of their time all through the week prior to Christmas to this labor of love for the families of the men who are fighting for us without any thought of the Christmas Season and its festivities.

The Soldiers' Comforts' Committee, through its Convener, Mrs. E. C. Eaton, has had charge of the boxes placed in our departmental stores and has been gratified with the many varied articles deposited therein. On investigation, 240 pairs socks, gum, cigarettes, tobacco, tooth brushes, soaps, books, mufflers and wristlets, with \$52.60 in cash have been contributed anonymously. We have found that this means of collecting comforts for our men has been well worth while. We wish our friends to understand that everything contributed through these boxes is sent overseas through our Regimental Committees, and we thank all who have helped us in this way. Through the kindness of members and friends, we have been able to send to the soldiers at Ste. Agathe rugs, blankets, mufflers and caps, with a generous donation of dressing gowns made by the members of the Victoria Rifles' Chapter, and we gave a large donation of socks, bed socks, mittens and comfort bags to Miss Winter for the soldiers in Ramsgate Hospital.

The work of the Wool Committee, in the hands of Mrs. Alfred Cole, has been most successful. Including a small balance from last year, 1,898 pounds of wool have been purchased. Of this amount 745 pounds were sold at a slight profit to our different branches, and 666 pounds have been knit by members. We have 487 pounds on

hand. The comforts knit by our members and friends were—1,010 pairs socks, 82 mufflers, 39 pairs wristlets, and 25 caps distributed to our Regimental Committees.

The Entertainment and Social Committees has not been called upon as often during the past year as in the early period of the war, possibly because it has not been necessary to have so many social gatherings, for the Khaki League and other organizations have done so much in providing entertainment for our soldiers. Then, too, our time during the past year was so fully occupied with our Military Benefit, of which a separate report will be given. I would, however, like to remind you of Mr. Racey's very instructive and enjoyable lecture, "The War in Cartoon," through which we benefitted to the extent of \$503.00. 200 copies of the "Royal Montreal Regiment Growler" presented by Mr. Dobbin, were sold on that occasion. The members in charge of this entertainment, under the convener-ship of Mrs. John Molson Crawford, with Mrs. McNicoll and Mrs. Dodwell, worked energetically, and were gratified by the results attained.

The League provided cake for a very successful Valentine Party given by Mrs. W. H. Winter and a committee of ladies in No. 2 Khaki Convalescent Home.

200 pounds of home-made candy was provided by our members for the Boy Scouts' Benefit in His Majesty's Theatre in the month of June.

A large amount of home-made candy was contributed for the benefit of the Montreal School for the Blind in the Princess Theatre.

Invitations were extended to the wounded soldiers in No. 1 Khaki Convalescent Home, McTavish Street Home, and the Grey Nunnery for the Moving Picture entertainment of the Military Benefit in the Windsor Theatre.

Hospital Committee:—Mrs. George Hanson, who from the very beginning of the war has looked after not only our sick women, but also our sick soldiers, still continues her faithful and loving service in visiting regularly at the Montreal General Hospital. With her assistants, she distributes flowers, fruit, delicacies, books, cards and stationery, and is at all times a welcome visitor. The members of this committee visited the Hospital on Christmas morning with a Christmas parcel for every soldier. During the summer months, men at Valcartier were regularly advised as to the condition of their sick wives, and in turn, sent grateful letters of thanks.

As formerly, letters of sympathy and congratulation have been written by our Courtesy Convener, Mrs. Gibsone.

We have had the pleasure of listening to inspiring addresses from:—Lt.-Col. Creelman, on "The Life of Our Men in the Trenches," Miss Manby, on "French Hospitals and the Work Done in them by the British Sisters." Madame Bieler, on the "Social Upheaval in France caused by the War and some Present Conditions there." Lt.-Col. Finley, on "No. 1 Canadian General Hospital" and "How the Wounded Soldiers Are Conveyed from the Front to the Stationary

Hospitals." Mrs. Macgillivray on "The Work Canadian Women are doing in England." The Rev. Dr. Symonds, on "The Self Sacrifice of all the Empire in the Present War." Miss Winter, on "Ramsgate and No. 1 General Hospitals," and Captain the Rev. Canon A. P. Shatford, a most helpful and encouraging address, relating his experiences at the front.

On the Sunday evening prior to our Military Benefit, Major the Rev. C. A. Williams very kindly arranged for a service in St. James Methodist Church, to which all relatives of soldiers, and members of the League, were invited, and for whom seats were reserved. At this service the President gave a short address on the work of the League.

While I leave the report of our finances entirely in the hands of our Treasurer, I may be permitted to state that, in response to a request from Mrs. Hodge, who was then in England, we forwarded £5 to be spent on gifts for soldiers in hospital.

£10 was sent to the Canadian Women's War Workers' Association at Folkestone.

On receipt of a request from the Executive of the Hervey Institute, advising that a wing was being added, to the building, for the purpose of accommodating soldiers' children, we were able to forward \$125.00 which would provide for 6 beds, 5 of which were very generously contributed by members.

And \$8.00 was donated to help to purchase a sewing machine for the Service Committee of the Khaki League. Our funds have been largely augmented through the proceeds of a sale by the "Welcome Club" of the Y.W.C.A. Part of the receipts of Moving War Pictures, donated by the "Star" Publishing Co., Limited. Part of the receipts of a match between H.M.S. "Carnarvon" and Rosemount. Proceeds from raffling a beautiful crochet quilt (an heirloom) generously given by a devoted member, a tablecloth and a kimona. Part of the returns from a dance and bridge given by the Ladies' Committee of the 24th Battalion. Collections taken at the Military Services on Easter Sunday in the Arena, and St. James Roman Catholic Cathedral. Donation from C. P. R. Angus Amateur Athletic Association. Receipts from competitions organized by the Outremont, Westmount and Valleyfield Bowling Clubs. Sale of copies of poems by Mrs. Byers. \$50.00 donation from the Provincial Association of Protestant Women Teachers. Collection taken at a Military service in St. Paul's Church and the Church of St. James the Apostle. And the President was greatly pleased to receive for our Home, \$21.00 from a group of little girls, called "The Little Pioneer Helpers," whose fathers are all overseas, this amount being realized by making a monogram quilt.

It was a matter of great satisfaction for our League to have a share in the collection made by the Khaki League on Christmas Eve. 34 members assisted in distributing the Red Heart cards. on the 17th of December, and again on the 24th collected the money.

The district covered being from Sherbrooke to Dorchester and Bishop Streets to Atwater Avenue.

Mrs. Renouf, our 2nd Vice-President, represented the League on the Delegation to Quebec of the W. C. T. U., for the suppression of the liquor traffic during the period of the War.

We regret the loss of three of our members, Mrs. G. O. Gravel, Mrs. G. W. Bridges, and Mrs. G. A. Finlayson. We also regret the continued absence of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Minden Cole, through illness and the absence of many members who are in England, and we sympathize keenly with those who have been bereaved.

In conclusion, we wish to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Major-General Wilson for his never failing kindness and assistance and for the many favours received from him, and to all our good friends at Militia Headquarters; to Mr. Rawlings for his generosity in providing rooms for the use of the League; to Messrs. E. A. Whitehead Co., Limited, for another year's insurance on the furniture, etc., to the Bell Telephone Co. for a telephone; to Messrs. Willis & Co. for a piano; to the Williams Mfg. Co. for having lent and kept in repair two sewing machines; to Mr. Hall of the Smith Premier Typewriter Co. for a typewriter; to the United Typewriter Co. for a typewriter; to the Press for their continued sympathy and support; and to all kind friends who have assisted us in any way to complete this year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. WOODBURN,

Hon. Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF HON. ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1916.

THE work of the League for the past year has been so varied that your Corresponding Secretary finds it rather difficult to classify the different matters concerning which one finds it necessary to write.

197 letters have been written pertaining to the regular working or executive part of the League.

556 letters have been written adjusting separation allowances, assigned pay and pensions. This branch of the work has been most gratifying. Might I mention one or two of the more interesting of these cases. "A Sgt. Major was reported a deserter, hence his wife's entire revenue ceased. Our office secretary ascertained from a returned officer that this man had been transferred; the necessary

information was forwarded to Ottawa and a re-adjustment cheque for \$104.00 was sent to his wife." "One family received an adjustment cheque for \$150.00, one for \$60.00, another for \$56.00 and one for \$75.00, besides very many of lesser amounts." The letters which we have received from the men at the front in this connection fully compensate for any effort that may have been exerted. One soldier writes: "I want to thank you all very much for all your kindness to my dear wife for which we are both very grateful." Another writes: "It is such kindness as this which makes us feel that we cannot do enough for our King and Country." And yet another soldier writes: "We can go away with a good heart because we know that our wives and children are being well cared for."

27 telegrams and many letters have been sent at the request of wives and mothers to the Record Office at Ottawa in regard to casualties. I would like to place on record the appreciation of the League for the unfailing courtesy and promptness of Mr. Frank Beard, the officer in charge of records, Ottawa. Much definite information has been obtained, which, to some extent has lightened the burden for those who are living in the shadow of uncertainty.

102 letters were written by your Secretary, and over 5,000 circulars were sent from the office in connection with the recent Military Benefit; many letters have been received congratulating the League on that event. Lieut-General Sir Sam Hughes wrote: "It was a great pleasure for me to have the privilege of attending." Major-General Wilson wrote: "Congratulate the ladies one and all on the splendid results obtained." Most gratifying letters were also received from Col. McLean, Col. Strange and many others. Several hundreds of printed letters of thanks for donations to the Benefit were also sent out from this office. 200 invitations were sent to soldiers' wives to attend a service at St. James Methodist Church and at various times notices have been sent to 58 different churches.

A rather embarrassing task which your office secretary performs most religiously is that of writing letters to a soldier for his wife who is unable to read or write; his letters are brought to the office, read by the Secretary to his wife and answered regularly.

There is no work which the League undertakes more cheerfully than that of investigating cases at the request of the various commanding officers and furnishing them with any information which we are able to obtain. Last summer several men at Valcartier asked for leave on account of illness at home. The League visited the family for the officer and reported to him. We have also had requests from commanding officers in France to visit a family and reassure the soldier at the front, who for some reason or other is worrying over affairs at home. We do all in our power to assist the officers of the Composite Regiment by visiting and helping financially the families of the men of that regiment.

As the primary aim and work of the League is to bring the wives and relatives of our soldiers together, these rooms are used every afternoon and nearly every morning for gatherings of this kind, in this way nearly one hundred persons are here every day, representing almost every battalion and unit recruited in the city. Outside of this large number 951 persons have appealed directly at the office for assistance. 69 were the dependents of returned soldiers and 61 were wives of men in the composite regiment. In each of these cases either letters have been written or financial assistance has been given. This of course does not include the many persons who come to the clothing department.

The particulars of each of these 951 cases are on file, while the name and address of the applicant, battalion number of the soldier, and all detail which is necessary. Your secretaries feel that the present system of recording these cases is most efficient.

You, of course, understand that each one of these cases is thoroughly investigated either by regimental or emergency visitor, and council is held as to what is necessary to be done—as no one person has the right to reject any application for help without bringing it before the officers of the League.

Might I here record my appreciation of the kindly and sympathetic manner in which all applicants are received by your office secretary, Miss Stanger. No word of complaint has ever come to any member of the League and many have been the expressions of thanks for the gentle—shall I say Christian spirit which permeates the office of the League.

In conclusion I would like to read extracts from different letters showing that although the work of the League seems so varied yet it is most effective. From a wounded soldier in hospital: "Thank you once again for your kindness and trouble in the past and would you please remember me and give my thanks to all the ladies of the League." From another wife and mother comes this cry for help: "Could any of the ladies see that my children are all right until I come out of hospital?" This little extract needs no explanation: "Just a little note to thank you all for your kind generosity in loaning me the invalid chair; I can assure you I appreciate it more than I can say." Nor does this one: "I beg to ask if you will brighten up my home and make us feel as happy as you did last Christmas. I have never been as happy as when the two kind ladies called on me." For paying for board of two soldiers' daughters at a tubercular hospital comes a word of appreciation. From Col. White and Col. Lordly thanks for gifts to the men going overseas. From many commanding officers in France letters of appreciation for Xmas gifts and socks.

Sometimes we feel in the office that we are very helpless indeed, when a soldier with four children comes in saying: "I want to leave my children with you." He can't understand that four all at once, different ages and different sexes, will require some planning to

place in suitable homes, however, we do the best we can and so far have not been entirely baffled.

One soldier writes: "I cannot express in words the appreciation that I feel for the kindness which you have shown the children." Another: "You have my full authority to do anything you think advisable for the future welfare of my children, as I feel under your guidance they will be well cared for."

I am sure fellow-members of the League you will see that your labours are not in vain and after all you are each one doing your small part in the fight for righteousness and a lasting peace.

In conclusion, may I say how deeply I regret that your Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Minden Cole, is not here to present this report, and although I have tried to give you the details you might wish to know, I feel it has fallen far short of what you have been accustomed to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH HODGE,

Hon. Asst. Corres. Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1916

RECEIPTS.

1st January, 1916, Cash on hand.....		\$ 1,030.20
Membership Fees.....	\$ 194.00	
Xmas Moneys.....	81.78	
Interest on Credit Balance—Bank of Montreal.....	18.91	
Proceeds of Racey Lecture "The War in Cartoon," Sale of Programmes and "The Growler," at Windsor Hall, 24th March.....	763.30	
Gifts for Hervey Institute—Beds.....	90.00	
Proceeds of Patriotic Exhibition "Fighting in France" by the Montreal Star.....	50.00	
Proceeds of Raffle of Quilt—Gift of a Member	100.00	
Proceeds of Sale of Books "Our Boys in Khaki".....	38.05	
Proceeds of Sale and Raffle of Sundry Articles.....	36.78	
Donation from the "Welcome Club" Y.W.C.A.	100.00	
Sundry Subscriptions and Donations.....	558.65	
Donation—Hardware and Metal Section—Board of Trade.....	20.00	
Donation—24th Batt. Branch of Soldiers' Wives' League, by Mrs. Dodwell.....	100.00	
Donation—Army Service Corps Branch of S.W.L.....	200.00	
Donation from the Little Pioneer Club for the New Home.....	21.00	

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Valleyfield Bowling Club.....	45.00	
Westmount Bowling Club.....	10.00	
Outremont Bowling Club.....	34.75	
C.P. Ry.—Angus Amateur Athletic Association.....	25.00	
H.M.S. Carnarvon v. Rosemount—Football Match.....	25.10	
Church Collection—Arena—Easter.....	531.66	
Church Collection—St. James Roman Catholic—Easter.....	76.24	
Church Collection—St. James the Apostle..	25.00	
Church Collection—St. Paul's Church.....	105.97	
		\$ 3,251.19
Refund on Advances made to Soldiers' Families and Trips to Europe.....	\$ 391.60	
Refund on Wool.....	1,387.52	
		1,779.12
Transfer from Military Benefit to General Account.....		1,000.00
		\$7,060.51

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1916.

EXPENDITURE.

Emergency and Home Service Committee..	\$ 305.00	
Travelling Expenses for Soldiers' Families..	371.65	
Help and Moneys loaned to Soldiers' Families.....	480.09	
Fuel for Soldiers' Families.....	24.88	
Christmas Sundries.....	82.84	
Soldiers' Comforts for C.E.F.....	114.53	
Hospital Supplies and Burial Expenses.....	139.75	
Clothing Committee.....	170.00	
Canadian Women Club of Folkestone, Eng..	47.94	
Sundry Emergency Gifts.....	109.50	
Sewing Committee and Supplies.....	63.03	
Wool.....	2,321.35	
Printing and Stationery.....	181.55	
Office Furnishings.....	60.76	
Express, Telegrams, Telephones.....	11.39	
Salaries and Office Expenses.....	670.75	
Expenses A. G. Racey Lecture, "The War in Cartoon".....	255.00	
Expenses—Easter Sunday Church Collections	220.00	
		\$ 5,630.01
31st December, 1916, Cash on hand.....		1,430.50
		\$7,060.51

A. G. OSTELL, Hon. Treas.

MILITARY BENEFIT.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to
31st December, 1916.**

RECEIPTS.

Ticket Campaign.....	\$ 7,870.88
Proceeds of Booths.....	35,139.17
Donations Received from Circular Letters..	812.00
Donation from Mrs. Geo. H. Matthews....	200.00
Ladies of Royal Highlanders of Canada....	500.00
Advertising on Tickets.....	200.00
Advertising on Programmes.....	1,133.85
Sale of Badges.....	431.00
Windsor—Moving Picture of Benefit.....	153.60
Ritz—Tea and Dance, 1st December.....	476.01
Interest.....	103.31
Total Receipts.....	<u>\$47,019.82</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Advertising.....	\$ 28.00
Postage.....	73.60
Stationery.....	241.00
Badges.....	45.55
Windsor—Moving Picture of Benefit.....	77.25
Ritz—Tea and Dance, 1st December.....	463.80
General Expenses for Booths.....	829.18
One-third of Proceeds to Booths.....	7,618.90
Transferred to General Fund.....	1,000.00
	<u>\$10,377.28</u>

31st December, 1916—Balance on hand \$36,642.54

MILITARY BENEFIT.

1st January, 1917—Balance on hand.....	\$36,642.54
Additional Proceeds of Booths.....	344.80
Advertising on Programmes.....	38.46
	<u>\$37,025.08</u>
General Expenses for Booths.....	\$69.18
One-third of Proceeds to Booths.....	90.00
Ritz—Tea and Dance, 1st December.....	64.50
	<u>223.68</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$36,802.12

Montreal,
6th March, 1917.

A. G. OSTELL,
Hon. Treas.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Mr. J. O'Flaherty, London, England.....	\$50.00	Mrs. Charles Skelton...	10.00
Mrs. W. D. Robb.....	55.00	Mrs. R. D. Savage.....	10.00
Mrs. G. H. Harrower...	35.00	Mrs. M. Clark.....	10.00
Madame J. O. Gravel...	25.00	Mr. & Mrs. George Creak	10.00
Madame J. T. Ostell...	25.00	Mr. H. Harrower.....	10.00
Mrs. J. Molson Crawford.....	22.50	Mrs. Alfred Cole.....	5.00
Mrs. George McDougall	20.00	Mrs. E. Dowsley.....	5.00
Mrs. George McDougall	20.00	Mr. R. Gray.....	5.00
Mrs. George Starke...	20.00	Mr. Arthur McKergow.	5.00
Mrs. W. J. Sadler.....	18.00	Mr. Eugene Hodgson...	5.00
Lady Bertram.....	18.00	Mr. E. Gates Foster...	5.00
Mrs. W. G. M. Cape...	18.00	Mr. Wilson.....	5.00
Mrs. Godbee Brown...	10.00	Mr. Arthur Jones.....	5.00
Mrs. E. B. Busteed.....	10.00	Mrs. C. H. McFarlane..	5.00
Mrs. F. O. W. Loomis..	10.00	Mr. Chas. Reynolds...	5.00
		Mrs. E. W. Wilson.....	5.00
		Mrs. George Hanson...	5.00

REPORT OF THE CLOTHING COMMITTEE

THE Clothing Committee begs to submit the following report on work done during the period of January 1st to September 30, 1916.

During that time we have given out 2,000 garments, over 350 pairs of new boots, rubbers, etc., as well as bedding, gas fixtures, two gas stoves, baby carriages and a number of second hand pairs of boots.

It was decided to adopt a new rule for those in need of assistance. Instead of coming to the League rooms every Monday morning, the day was changed to every first and third Monday.

Letters of thanks were sent in acknowledgment of all donations of clothing, etc., received.

To the Sewing Committee of the League our thanks are due for the liberal supply of childrens' garments and trousseaux. We regret to report that owing to the existing conditions we did not this year receive any donations from the clothing and shoe companies.

Two very kind friends gave us \$5 each and the League voted us \$100.00 toward the purchase of boots, shoes, and other necessary articles of clothing.

In conclusion I wish to express my most sincere thanks to Miss Richardson for her unselfish and whole-hearted assistance during the period of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

LILY M. CARTER.

REPORT OF CLOTHING COMMITTEE

November and December, 1916

Convener: MRS. F. T. PEACOCK.

MRS. REAY. MRS. MOLSON CRAWFORD. MISS RICHARDSON.

November.

- 40 Women applied for clothing.
- 1 Man.
- 214 Articles of clothing given out.
- 36 Pairs of boots and shoes.
- 2 Baby Layettes.

December.

- 31 Women applied for clothing.
- 3 Men.
- 121 Articles of clothing given out.
- 27 Pairs of boots and shoes.
- 2 Blankets.
- 1 Sleigh.
- 1 Layette.

In November we received \$50.00 from the League, which was spent mainly on boots, for which we had a great demand. We also received a donation of \$10.00 from Mrs. Molson Crawford.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE 1915-1916.

Convenor: MRS. D. LORN CRAWFORD.

MRS. S. C. MATHEWS.	MRS. SCOTT.
MRS. ROBB.	MME. BEIQUE.
MRS. HANSON.	MRS. PENMAN.
MRS. DAVIDSON.	MISS LESLIE.
MISS McCOMBE.	MRS. WURTELE.
MISS RICHARDSON.	MRS. REAY.
MRS. EATON.	LADY BURY.

MRS. DUNNETT.

As Convenor of the Emergency Committee, I have much pleasure in submitting a brief synopsis of our work from Dec. 31st, 1915 to Dec. 31st, 1916. During the year we have investigated 127 cases; to show how the work has increased this winter, 83 of these have been since Oct. 1st, 58 families of Home Service men, 30 families of men overseas, mostly mothers not on Patriotic Fund. 28 families of returned soldiers, all of which have been in the past six weeks.

- Clothing provided for 22 families.
- Coal for 20 families.
- Christmas baskets for 26 families.

Weekly allowance for 17 families.

Temporary help, with money, 22 families.

Paid water bill for 4 families.

Paid rent for some months for 5 families.

Paid grocery bill for 2 families.

Baby trousseau given to 7 mothers.

Baby carriages 5.

Cod liver oil, medicine, etc., for 3 children.

Sent groceries weekly to 23 families.

Paid doctor bills for 2 families.

Got invalid chair for soldiers' wife, who was in the hospital for a year and cannot walk.

Got free transportation for one returned soldier and 2 families.

Loaned returned soldier money to pay off furniture bill.

Loaned returned soldier money to pay off pressing debts till back pay could be secured.

Got furniture, beds, stoves, chairs, etc. for 5 families.

Met woman from England on way to Calgary, gave her money, etc.

Met widow and her two children coming from Ste. Agathe, with husband's body, paid for room and board, berth, meals on train, etc., and secured free transportation for her to Edmonton.

Visited six war widows, gave mourning to some.

Cases have been sent us from many sources, Patriotic Fund, Khaki League, Salvation Army, Charity Organization, Dr. Byers, at Ste-Agathe, private individuals and by people applying to office themselves.

Received during the year \$375 from the League for immediate help, all of which has been expended through the ladies of the committee.

I wish to place on record my deep appreciation of the untiring loyalty and hard work of the ladies of my committee, who have always gone to investigate cases, no matter how severe the weather might be or how great the distances, within twenty-four hours.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE GORDON CRAWFORD.

REPORT OF SEWING COMMITTEE

IN February we gave to No. 2 Convalescent Home, 59 Sheets, 34 Pillow Cases, 75 Towels. During the year we gave to the Clothing Committee 229 Garments and 10 Layettees. We meet every Friday, but during August and September we met twice a week, to make Hospital supplies for the Military Benefit, we made 159 articles for the latter.

During the winter and summer the Delorimier branch of the Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League assisted us in making garments but lately have discontinued doing so.

Mrs. McComb gave us a sewing machine which will be very useful. I have a small number of members, but they are good workers and attend most regularly.

Names of members,—

Mrs. Smeaton, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Court, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. Lymans' Artillery Circle took garments and made them for us.

M. C. BARWICK (signed)
Convener.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

THE Hospital Committee has paid visits regularly during the year, and there have been several cases where we have been able to assist the soldiers and their relatives. Our visitor has always been most welcome. Books, cards and stationery are taken regularly by one of our visitors. Flowers, fruits and little delicacies for invalids have been given and received with gratitude by the recipients. One soldier at Valcartier during the summer was notified regularly as to his wife's progress in the Hospital, and at her death was assisted financially by the League for funeral expenses, our visitor being present at the funeral. Another woman and her husband, who was an old soldier and whose son is now at the Front were discovered in the Hospital ill, from the effects of being burned. Her husband died, and on the wife leaving the Hospital, had no clothes or home. After the League was notified, clothes, etc., were procured at once and the poor woman helped, after leaving the Hospital, until fully recovered.

Cash for the year.—

Jan. 1st to Dec. 30th 1916.....	\$86.45
Expenses.....	\$73.19
Cash on hand.....	13.26
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	\$86.45

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS COMMITTEE

Committee

Mrs. D. E. Galloway, Convener	Mme. des Trois Maisons
Mrs. C. Virtue	Miss F. Fortier
Mrs. H. Palmer	Mrs. J. M. Wooding, Hon. Secy.

OUR first meeting was held at the League Rooms to meet Mrs. J. Molson Crawford, who kindly gave us the benefit of her experience as Convener of this Committee the previous two years.

One other meeting, to discuss and arrange our work, took place at Mrs. Galloway's residence.

We wish to express our thanks to the following individuals and firms for donations received:

Mrs. W. A. Coates	Miss Forsyth.
Mrs. Alex. Bremner.	Miss Morrison.
Mrs. A. McCombe.	Dorval Women's Club.
Mrs. J. M. Crawford.	Montreal Women's Club.
Mrs. G. R. Starke	Pung-u Circle.
Mrs. Wm. Byers.	Field Artillery.
Mrs. A. M. Campbell.	Siege Artillery.
Mrs. J. F. Gibsone.	Messrs. E. B. Eddy.
Mrs. J. A. Henderson.	The Commercial Twine Co.
Mrs. Geo. Hanson.	Messrs. McIntyre & Co., Limited.
Mrs. G. D. Ross.	W. H. Brock Co., Limited.
Mrs. E. M. Renouf.	The Ladies of Chateauguay, through Mrs. A. E. Robert.

We are very grateful also to Mr. H. Fortier, through whose kindness we secured sufficient wrapping paper and twine for all our parcels; to Mrs. Eaton for the use of the Soldier's Comforts Boxes for a couple of days in the department stores; and to the members of the League who kindly offered to take charge of the boxes on those days: to Colonel McRobie for delivering about 42 parcels throughout the city; to Miss Campbell of the High School for a large donation of toys from the children of the Kindergarten; and to Mrs. R. J. Mercur, who delivered to us the very generous donations of dolls, toys, puddings, cakes and clothing from the Dorval Women's Club.

We sent gifts to each child of fourteen years and younger of the returned Soldiers of the Composite Battalion., Mrs. H. Palmer personally supplied each of the older girls of these families with a gift. We gave over 100 gifts and 50 pounds of candy to the Hervey Institute; 50 presents to the Engineers Xmas Tree at Point St. Charles; 15 to Mrs. White of the Forestry Battalion, 25 to the 24th Battalion; 130 to the Army Service Corps; about 40 to the 5th Pioneers; \$25 to Mrs. McRobie for the Xmas Tree of Kitchener's Own; gifts to 25 families of the Emergency cases; to Mr. & Mrs. Mack a sweater and a shawl and a special Xmas Box, and 6 parcels were sent by express to Huntington, Compton, Hull, Magog, and Ste.-Agathe.

All the articles remaining were sent to the Children's Ward of the General Hospital.

This year the committee undertook to give a tea to 110 mothers and 273 children of the Composite Battalion, which took place at the Victoria Rifles Armory on Wednesday 27th December, at 1 p.m. We supplied tea, milk, and sweet buns to the mothers; and ice cream in cones, milk and ginger ale to the children.

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On the 22nd of December we had finished.

Balance, 1915	\$26.00
Subscription from Protestant School Teachers' Association.....	50.00
General Bertram.....	25.00
Others subscriptions.....	30.00
Box at Morgan's.....	54.81
Box at Goodwin's.....	5.23
Box at Almy's.....	3.12
Box at Ogilvy's.....	7.02
Box at Murphy's.....	17.91
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	\$219.09

By Toys.....	\$42.68
Useful gifts.....	110.30
Candy and boxes.....	20.31
Tea to Composite Battalion.....	16.05
Mrs. McRobie.....	25.00
Postage.....	1.00
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Subscriptions.....	219.09
Expenses.....	215.34
Balance.....	\$3.75

Respectfully submitted.

L. GALLOWAY.

REPORT OF WOOL COMMITTEE.

31st December, 1916.

Balance from 1915.....	91 lbs.	
Purchased during year.....	1,807 "	1,898 lbs.
Sold during year.....	745 "	
Handed out to be knit.....	666 "	1,411 "
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Balance on hand.....		487 "

Financial Statement.

Wool purchased during year.....	\$2,130.75
Realized from wool sold.....	1,384.52
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	\$ 746.23

This is represented by the balance of wool on hand and the socks mufflers, etc., given away.

The Comforts knit by members and friends, including a few donations, were:

Socks.....	1,010 pairs
Mufflers.....	82
Wristlets.....	39 pairs
Caps.....	25

GERTRUDE M. COLE,

Convener of Wool Committe.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

THE conveners of the Soldiers' Comforts Committee begs to present the following report for the year ending, Dec., 1916.

Money collected in boxes..... \$52.60
 Socks collected in boxes..... 240 pairs
 also gum, cigarettes, tobacco, tooth brushes, soaps, books, mufflers and wristlets.

I also received a lovely donation of caps and mufflers from the Dorval Women's Club through the kindness of Mrs. Mercur. Nearly every regiment in the city have had donations of either socks, cigarettes, or other comforts.

The following have received socks or cigarettes:—

- 50 pairs socks, Col. Costigan's.
- 50 pkgs. cigarettes, Ammunition Column.
- 50 pairs socks, P. P. C. L. I.
- 50 pairs socks, 54th Batt., B.C.
- 20 pairs socks, 5th Pioneers.
- 100 pkgs. cigarettes, 2nd Reinforcement Siege Artillery.
- 75 pkgs. cigarettes, Mrs. Hodge.
- 100 pkgs. cigarettes, 14th Battalion wounded, now in England. and many others.

I beg to thank all who have contributed to the boxes and hope they will continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABELLA M. EATON.

REPORT OF MILITARY BENEFIT.

AMONG the many things accomplished by the League during the past year, perhaps the most important was the Military Benefit held in the Arena from October 17th to 21st, under the distinguished patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

The benefit was formally opened on the evening of Tuesday, October 17th, by the Minister of Justice, Colonel, the Honourable C. J. Doherty, followed by a spectacular grand march and tableau

representing the allied nations now at war, under the able direction of Mrs. E. L. Wren.

May we say before going further, that without the counsel and assistance of Major-General Wilson, O.C., Military District No. 4, the Military Benefit would have been hardly possible, as we were dependent upon the General for all the labour necessary to construct the fifty-one booths in the Arena for that event, and which were erected so efficiently by the men of the 5th Canadian Pioneers.

The Military Benefit was a final outcome of a meeting called by the President, in the Victoria Rifles Armoury, in March of 1916, to consider ways and means of raising money to establish a home in which to carry on the work of the League. At that meeting Mrs. L. E. Dodwell was appointed General Convener of the proposed Military Benefit. Later on in the month of April our Honourary President, Mrs. E. W. Wilson, entertained the ladies representing the heads of our city regiments at tea, in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, to talk over the scheme and consider plans.

Subsequently the following committees were formed to complete the plans and carry on the work: a Ticket Committee, Entertainment Committee, Publicity Committee, Programme, and Finance Committee (5 in number).

The "One Day" Whirlwind Ticket Selling Campaign under the able Convener'ship of Mrs. Edmund Shepherd, assisted by Mrs. G. J. Cuthbertson, was a great success.

On Wednesday morning, the 11th of October, 500 workers took part in selling tickets on the streets and turned in at the close of the day \$5,927.49, a most gratifying result, due to the splendid organization of the Conveners and the faithful service of all the workers to whom we extend our grateful thanks. Tickets sold at the Arena during the Benefit amounted to \$2,042.90, making a total for entrance money of \$7,970.39.

The members of the Entertainment Committee were Mrs. Geoffrey Porteous, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. W. H. Winter. Each of these ladies provided a different kind of amusement and each in turn was amply repaid with the success that attended her efforts.

The Publicity Committee of two, convened by Mrs. Thos. Hodge, assisted by Miss Isabel McCaw must be credited with a large share of praise for its part in the Benefit.

Few of us will ever realize the time spent and the work done by this Committee and the many willing workers who assisted them throughout the summer of 1916. Much thought and care was given to the Circular Letter and Leaflet Information printed, concerning the work of the League. 5,000 letters in English and 2,000 in French were sent broadcast through the city and other places. The large response in money and goods testified to their acceptance. The work of Miss McCaw was seen in the daily papers, and the generosity of the press was indeed gratifying.

The Programme Committee in the hands of Mrs. Frances Peacock and Mrs. Walter Sadler, not only provided us with a memento of our Benefit in the shape of a well-planned, clearly-printed and attractive programme, but handed to our Treasurer the sum of \$1,163.85, secured for advertisements. The work of soliciting advertisements for programmes is perhaps the least attractive of all charitable work, and these ladies are to be congratulated upon their grand success.

The Finance Committee of seven gentlemen with Lt-Colonel Ostell, as chairman, took charge of the money, collecting it every night, taking it to a place of safe-keeping, and for days after the Benefit was over, these gentlemen gave hours to counting the precious returns, for which we were all working. We owe these gentlemen a debt of gratitude for their kindness in helping us with a most difficult task.

The General Convener, Mrs. L. E. Dodwell, with her Assistant Convener, Mrs. F. O. W. Loomis, undertook the task of transforming the Arena into the very beautiful and attractive place it proved to be during that week, supervising the erection of all the booths with special electric lighting, the platforms and entertainment halls and all the equipment necessary, and when you are told that the General Convener secured the very large amount of lumber required, from the various lumber firms of our city, free of any charge, also all the electric wiring necessary free of cost, you will readily see that these two ladies did herculean work which can hardly be estimated.

To them, with the various committees already mentioned, is due the credit and success which crowned their efforts. 26 Regimental Committees and 8 organizations doing war work were represented and took part in the Military Benefit. One third of the receipts of each representative booth was given to each organization.

The total receipts of the Benefit amounted to \$47,019.82.

The total expenditure amounted to \$1,653.38

After paying one-third to each booth and transferring \$1,000.00 to the general account for current expenses the Military Benefit account stands at \$36,642.54, which amount will be invested in Canadian Government War Loan Securities.

To Lady Bertram must be given the credit for the splendid financial result obtained by the staff booth (\$6,000), as she handed in over \$3,000, largely collected by herself.

To the Junior League, the Pung-u Circle, the Army Service Corps Branch, Lady Williams Taylor, Mrs. W. H. Schneider, Convener of the Composite Regimental Booth and the various other booths, whose entire proceeds were given to the League, we are deeply grateful.

To the various Regimental Bands who furnished the music on each evening and the different regiments, who, at much cost and trouble to their C.O., furnished a guard of 200 men every evening,

thereby giving a distinctly military tone to the Benefit, we are greatly indebted.

On the evening of Wednesday, the officers of H.M.S. Carnarvon were our guests and on Friday evening Major-General Sir Sam Hughes was present and spoke words of cheer and encouragement concerning our work, after which he inspected every department.

We are deeply grateful to Lt.-Colonel Strange, who had the entire management of each evening's proceedings and who so ably controlled the throngs of people who crowded the Arena.

To the manufacturers of Montreal, who donated so freely of their goods, to the many who contributed in the form of workmanship, to the generous public who purchased the goods for sale, to the press and to every one who assisted at the Military Benefit, making the event such a success, financially and socially, the League would record its sincere appreciation.

ELLIOT BUSTEED,

President.

DELORIMIER SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE.

As Secretary of the Delorimier Branch, I have much pleasure in submitting to you my annual report for the year ending Dec., 1916.

During the first part of the year our meetings were held in Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Masson Street, on Wednesday, afternoons. On November 15th, it was decided to hold them in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Papineau Ave., changing the day from Wednesday to Monday afternoon. Members enrolled during the year numbered 40, making a total of 106 on the roll. The members meet to knit socks and other comforts for the different Battalions connected with the League and to take home and make garments and hospital necessities for Miss Barwick and for the Clothing Committee of the Montreal Soldiers Wives' League. Thirteen spindles of wool were purchased and upwards of 200 pairs of socks were knitted and distributed, 20 pairs donated to the Artillery, 17 pairs to the Montreal Soldiers Wives' League for the 148th Battalion besides 8 pairs of mitts, 7 mufflers and 2 caps, 12 pairs to Miss Dick of the Fairmount Presbyterian Church towards making up parcels at Christmas for the boys at the Front connected with the church. 10 pairs to Miss Barwick, 60 pairs sold to members, 50 pairs donated to other members at Christmas. About 100 garments were made besides comfort bags and pneumonia jackets, 6 bed comforters were donated to the Khaki Convalescent Home and \$10 was sent to the Field Artillery to help provide cigarettes and wool to make socks in answer to a request received. The Courtesy Committee reported visiting a great number of sick cases, ten cases of distress being helped with money, clothing and groceries, fuel, etc. A Sinking Fund was organized to provide for a big reception to be given to the husbands and friends of members on their return from the Front

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after the War. A Salvage Committee was also formed for the collection of waste papers, magazines, old rubbers, etc., the proceeds to augment our funds. This committee consisting of Mrs. Haslett as convener, with Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Jewett and Mrs. Pashley, assistants are all working energetically together to make it a success. October being the month decided upon for the Military Benefit, the members decided that our Branch should have a Grocery Booth during that week. Members were very successful in canvassing all the wholesale firms for supplies of groceries, etc. On October 25th, our annual election of officers took place, the following ladies being elected:—

Honorary President.....	MRS. R. SHORT.
Honorary Vice-President...	MRS. T. G. HODGE.
President.....	MRS. G. RAINSFORTH.
Vice-President.....	MRS. DUNNETT.
2nd Vice-President.....	MRS. ADAMS.
Recording Secretary.....	MRS. C. COURT.
Treasurer.....	MRS. MILLAR.
Wool Convener.....	MRS. GURR.
Work Convener.....	MRS. SUTHERLAND.
Social Convener.....	MRS. WOODALL, with MISS ROCKFORD and MRS. PITMAN as Assistants.
Courtesy Committee.....	MRS. SIMPSON, Convener.
Salvage Committee.....	MRS. DUNNETT, with MRS. HAS- LETT, Assistant.

Arrangements for a social tea and distribution of toys for the mothers, wives and children were in progress the latter part of December to take place early in the New Year. Letters of sympathy were sent to members whose husbands or relatives were either killed or wounded at the Front and in other cases of bereavement.

Respectfully submitted,
C. COURT,
Secretary.

DELORIMIER BRANCH TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For Year Ending, December 31, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance carried forward from December 31, 1915.....	\$27.00
Received during the year for dues.....	40.45
Received during the year for fees.....	56.60
Received during the year for socks and yarn.....	18.45
Proceeds of Euchre held in February.....	106.80

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Proceeds of Euchre held in May.....	26.95
Proceeds from Military Benefit.....	58.59
From all other sources including donations of money.....	58.08
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Total receipts.....	\$392.92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out for relief during year.....	\$50.44
Gifts of money and flowers to different objects.....	41.72
Paid for yarn.....	75.60
All other general expenses.....	105.49
Balance carried forward to 1917.....	119.67
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Total.....	\$392.92

Respectfully submitted,

S. MILLAR,

Treasurer.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the Field Artillery Branch of the Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League for twelve months, ending, 31st March, 1917.

Receipts

Monthly Fees.....	\$194.50
Afternoon Teas.....	85.09
Field Artillery Circle's proportion of proceeds of Auction Sale (held last May in conjunction with the Grenadier Guards), including several raffles of articles which were not sold at the time.....	489.30
Result of Benefit Match of the Westmount Bowling Club during the summer.....	51.00
Net proceeds of the High Tea given by the Field Artillery Branch in connection with the Military Benefit held last October. (This, of course, is only 1-3 of what was really made, the remainder going to the Soldiers' Wives' League).....	322.54
Proceeds from Bridge party given by Mrs. Dunstan Gray on Dec. 9th.....	79.00
Proceeds from Bridge party given by Mrs. Routh and Miss Desbarats in March.....	138.50
Amount realized from Raffle on thoroughbred horse donated by Mrs. Flintoft.....	262.00
Net results of Outremont and St. Lawrence Curling Club competitions for walking canes, which were purchased from the proceeds of Miss Kennedy's Punch Board Scheme.....	122.05
The raffle of Bed-Spread donated by Miss Cochrane....	25.00
Result of "Two-Dollar Donation Scheme".....	114.75

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Christmas and other donations.....	680.66
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Balance brought forward from previous year.....	\$2,564.39
	127.13
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	\$2,691.52
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Disbursements.	
For wool and socks.....	\$983.34
Tobacco.....	448.95
Packing, postage and expenses on parcels and boxes sent to the Front, including Christmas Boxes.....	223.14
Comforts for the gunners, including those sent from England.....	345.45
Assistance to needy Artillery Men's families.....	23.59
Advertising and printing.....	31.90
Expenses incurred in connection with New Year's entertainment, at which over four hundred were present.....	33.98
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	\$2,090.35
Balance in Treasury, 31st March, 1917.....	601.17
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	\$2,691.52
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Montreal, April 2nd, 1917.

FLORENCE M. KIPPEN,
Treasurer.

**CANADIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

The work of the Field Artillery Branch of the Soldiers Wives' League has more than doubled in the past year, as another battery and ammunition column have gone overseas as well as several drafts. Many new members have joined consequently and have worked with much enthusiasm.

We have been interested in several schemes to raise funds, as our reserve is never very large, and the wool is used up quickly.

An Auction Sale was held in conjunction with the Grenadier Guards at Ogilvy's Store, May 12th and 13th, the management very kindly lending us a large room and their tea room, and Mr. Kearns generously gave us his services as auctioneer. In this way, nearly all the returns were clear profit, and were divided equally between the two circles. This, with what we had on hand, gave us enough to carry on the work through the summer.

The Circle disbanded in June, but the work of sending parcels overseas was kept up by faithful members who remained in town.

We resumed our weekly meetings in September, when preparations were started for the Military Benefit, our Branch undertaking the "High Tea".

The work in connection with this entertainment was enormous, and I think that once again all those who helped should be thanked for the splendid way they contributed to make the undertaking a success.

The Soldiers' Wives' League held a tea and dance to wind up the Benefit. The Artillery Circle served afternoon tea, and Miss Costigan was in charge of the supper during the evening.

We next turned our attention to sending off Christmas boxes to the Artillerymen. The result of a hurry call for socks was amazing. In two weeks sufficient were turned in to give a pair to every man on our overseas' list (1,800 in all.) We also sent \$406.13 worth of tobacco in individual boxes.

On January 6th an entertainment followed by tea was held in the Drill Hall for the wives, mothers and children of overseas men. This was well attended and seemed to be much enjoyed.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Bates (one of our members in England) one hundred dollars was sent to be spent on comforts for Artillerymen in the Sick Detention Hut, at Whitley. We also gave Mrs. E. B. Savage, who went to England in January, \$125.00 to buy large cakes to be sent to our men at the front.

The Soldiers' Wives' League was asked by the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds to assist in collecting during their whirlwind campaign in February. As we are a branch of the League, we undertook to collect for four days at Bryson's Drug Store, the Castle Blend Tea Rooms and Freeman's Hotel.

We decided in February, that, instead of having an entertainment, each member would try to give two dollars or more to the funds, raising the money anyway they wished. The result was very satisfactory.

We wish to thank the following members who have contributed largely to our funds: Mrs. Dunstan Gray, Mrs. Routh, Miss Routh and Miss Desbarats gave successful Bridge parties; Mrs. Flintoft gave us a horse to raffle, and Miss Cochrane a linen bed-spread. The winners were Miss Annie Hackett and Miss Hutchison. A large cheque was given by Miss Kennedy, the result of a punch board scheme and two curling matches held in connection with it by the St. Lawrence and the Outremont Curling Clubs.

All the families on our list have been visited once during the year and some assisted, and at our weekly meetings Red Cross work has been done.

The only change in our officers since the previous year is that Mrs. Conrad Harrington has been elected temporary secretary, Mrs. Coghlin being unable to attend the meetings as she has been nursing in No. 3 Khaki Home.

We are now entering on our third year's work and there is much to do ahead of us. We hope for the earnest support of all our members, without which it will be impossible to keep up the standard we have established.

KATHARINE M. CREELMAN, President.

REPORT OF THE 97TH AND 165TH SIEGE BATTERY NOW THE 1ST AND 5TH.

THE 97th Siege Battery Branch of the S.W.L. was formed by Mrs. F. Minden Cole on the 29th January, 1916, as a social club for the purpose of mutual help and social intercourse among the wives of the men who had gone to the front. Later, the wives of the men making up the reinforcements, which were afterwards formed into the 165th Siege Battery, joined this Branch.

Social and business meetings were held on the afternoon of the last Saturday in each month, a small membership fee being paid to defray the social expenses.

The total membership reached about 150 and it was decided from the first to interest all the wives in knitting for the benefit of the men. In this way a number of socks were sent forward. A little later the "Benefit" in the Arena coming on turned all thoughts in that direction.

The women worked heartily in this cause all summer with the result that by far the greater portion of material disposed of at our booth at the Military Benefit was the product of these women and produced the sum of \$472.15, of which amount \$167.09 came to the 97th and 165th as their share of the proceeds.

At a meeting later it was decided to utilize this money in the buying of wool for socks, and a portion was also voted for Christmas boxes to be sent forward from here with a still further sum sent over in cash to provide Christmas dinners for the men, all of which has been duly acknowledged.

Since the 1st of January this year, a steady sending of socks has gone forward and the total sent to date numbers 122 pairs, the most of which also has been acknowledged at this time.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Cole the meetings have been discontinued for some time, but the members of the Committee have kept in touch with the women, and if any are in want or in sorrow they are immediately visited. It is hoped that on Mrs. Cole's return to the city meetings will again be in progress.

L. A. DOWSLEY,
Convener.

3RD AND 9TH SIEGE BATTERY.

I WOULD like to take the opportunity of thanking the League, in behalf of Major Cape and myself for the courtesy you have shown to us from time to time in allowing us the use of the League rooms, where the meetings are held, the privilege of having a booth at the Military Benefit, and in other ways.

This unit has been in France since last June and during that time our Committee has sent the men \$45.00 worth of tobacco, 175 Christmas parcels, each containing field comforts, also 200 pairs of socks and 175 caps. Our Committee has put funds amount-

ing to \$500.00 at the disposal of Major Cape to buy any other comforts which the men may need.

The Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League has sent 850 pairs of socks and at Christmas 175 cakes, 175 boxes of candies and to the soldiers' children a present each, all of which have been very much appreciated. I might say that this Battery is made up of 95% Canadian born, of which 50% are Westmount men.

Thanking you on behalf of the Battery.

LILLIAN CAPE,
President.

5th PIONEER BATTALION.

May 1916—January 1917.

THE Ladies' Auxiliary of the 5th Pioneer Battalion was organized in the Spring of 1916 and the first meeting was held in the Old Ogilvy Building, St. Catherine Street, on Thursday, May 11th. The following are the officers:—

President	MRS. H. R. LORDLY.
Vice-President	MRS. D. ROBERTSON.
Secretary	MISS R. R. LIVINGSTONE.
Assistant Secretary	MISS L. LIVINGSTONE.
Treasurer	MRS. G. CLAYTON.
Convener of Buying Committee	MRS. A. E. COLEMAN.
Convener of Clothing Committee	MRS. T. NOALL.
Convener of Wool Committee	MISS R. LORDLY.
Convener of Emergency Visiting Committee	MRS. C. P. HILL.
Convener of Visiting Committee in Lachine	MRS. J. S. FRASER.
Convener of Cutting Out Committee	MRS. K. PARSONS.

Meetings have been held once a week for sewing and knitting and in case of emergency there has always been plenty of finished work on hand. Business meetings have been held once a month. In the Autumn of 1916 special attention was given to the Military Benefit, held in the Arena, in order to make the Pioneer booth as big a success as possible. During the summer, the auxiliary entertained the wives and children of the men of the battalion, and later gave them a Christmas entertainment and treat.

At the time of the sudden departure of the Battalion for overseas, enough money was collected in three days, for a few special comforts and more than one thousand individual packages were done up and were delivered to the men in England during the Christmas season. For those men who had no one here to provide for them, each Company-Commander was given fifty pairs of socks, and the Auxiliary is most grateful to the League for their donation of apples and socks when the Battalion was leaving and also for their previous donation of socks, scarfs and caps. During the past few months added effort has been made to have one hundred pairs of socks on hand to send across each month. Up to date we have received 600 pairs of socks.

Latterly the meetings of the Auxiliary have been held in the League Rooms, Guarantee Building, and the work has been steadily progressing.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) R. R. LIVINGSTONE,
Secretary.

CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

THE Committee of the Army Service Branch of the Soldiers Wives' League has held regular monthly meetings, at the residences of the various members, during the past year.

The work has gone on steadily, the wives and families have been visited, advice given and assistance rendered where necessary.

There has been considerable correspondence with various officials in Ottawa and England, with reference to matters coming up from time to time, and we have been very successful in adjusting differences and misunderstandings to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Two ladies of this Committee undertook the sale of programmes and copies of "The Growler," at the Racey Lecture, last spring, when \$130.00 was realized.

When it was decided that the Military Benefit should take place last autumn the A.S.C. Branch was allotted the charge of the Tobacco and Smokers' Supplies Stall. All the cigars, cigarettes and smokers' supplies were donated, so the sum of \$1,512.85 was reached. In addition to this the members sold \$465.00 worth of admission tickets on the day of the Ticket Campaign, and also solicited \$700.00 of advertising matter for the programmes sold at the Benefit.

At Christmas time \$125.00 was sent overseas to the various A.S.C. units from Montreal to augment a little the canteen funds and to be used in whatever way seemed best.

The ladies are knitting and sending boxes of socks, etc., from time to time.

The children at home received Christmas parcels containing toys, sweets and where possible also some useful woollen articles.

At the December meeting, Major Adams of the 1st Reserve Park, who was here on a short furlough, spoke in a most interesting manner on the work of his unit from the time of leaving Canada with the first contingent until the present. Then he said that the greatest comfort to the men at the front was to know that their wives and families were being visited and advised in their difficulties. It helped them to be much more efficient soldiers.

The members of the Committee have, up to the present, been visiting the families of the 1st Reserve Park, No. 6 A.S.C., Depot

Units of Supply, Remounts, and are now taking over the 2nd Reserve Park.

An entertainment for the wives and families of all these units is being arranged for to take place the end of March.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. SADLER,
Convener.

CANADIAN GRENADIERS' GUARDS.

THE first week in October we held our annual meeting, and the following officers were elected:—

President.....	MRS. W. I. GEAR.
1st Vice-President.....	MRS. HERBERT MARLER.
2nd Vice-President.....	MRS. C. C. BALLANTYNE.
3rd Vice-President.....	MRS. GILBERT STAIRS.
Corresponding Secretary....	MRS. C. H. HANSON.
Recording Secretary.....	MRS. J. W. SHAW.
Treasurer.....	MRS. KEITH NELLES.
Convener of the Women's Meetings.....	MRS. EKERS.
Assistant Convener.....	MRS. W. W. MOWAT.

The Ladies' Committee has met regularly every Tuesday morning at the Armoury at half past ten. We feel that much work has been accomplished. Since the month of September three thousand eight hundred and fifty pairs of socks have been sent to our men overseas. Two thousand and forty-five Christmas stockings were sent over the middle of November, and thirty thousand cigarettes are being sent every month.

The wives of the men at the front meet every second Friday to sew or knit and enjoy afternoon tea. These meetings have been a huge success. Many thanks are due to the Soldiers' Wives' League for their courtesy in allowing us the use of their rooms for the Women's Meetings, while our own Armoury was not available. We are preparing to present a three-act comedy at His Majesty's Theatre on March the 22nd, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General and the Duchess of Devonshire, the proceeds to go towards our wool and cigarette fund, which always needs replenishing.

Thanking the Soldiers Wives' League for their constant and unflinching kindness whenever we call upon them

FLORENCE GEAR,
President.

14th BATTALION, ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT

THE members of the Victoria Rifles' Chapter, I.O.D.E. send monthly to the 14th. Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment, 100 pairs of socks and other comforts, as well as 10,000 cigarettes and the magazines "The Tatler" and "Canada."

To our War Prisoners of this Battalion, who were formerly in the Victoria Rifles' Regiment, are forwarded, through The Canadian Red Cross Society, fortnightly hampers of goods, etc.

\$300.00 was remitted to a member in London who purchased Delicacies for the Christmas Dinner of the men of the 14th.

Three large cases filled with tobacco, cigarettes, comforts, etc., have been sent to the Colonel's wife to distribute among the wounded men in English Hospitals.

In January, a very successful Entertainment was provided for the mothers, wives and children of the men in the Victoria Rifles' Armoury, when a number of returned soldiers of the Battalion were also present.

The ladies of the 3rd Regiment Victoria Rifles with the 60th and 244th Battalion Branches, took charge of the afternoon tea and evening refreshments, at the Military Benefit in the Arena. This department contributed a considerable amount to the receipts of that event.

ANNA M. WOODBURN
Hon. Secretary.

24th BATTALION V.R.C.

THE committee of the 24th Battalion, during the past year, have held a weekly meeting on Tuesday mornings, during which the members present do Red Cross work and transact the regular business.

At our General Meeting, Mrs. L. E. Dodwell was unanimously re-elected President, Mrs. A. Scott, Secretary, Mrs. G. J. Cuthbertson, Treasurer, and Mrs. G. G. Parker, Assistant Treasurer. Since then, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Cuthbertson have resigned, their posts being filled by Miss Joyce Smith and Mrs. G. G. Parker.

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons the Committee hold social gatherings for the women. Red Cross work is done, after which there is a short musical programme and tea is served.

In the early fall we were busy making preparations for the Military Benefit, at which our booth was the "Country Store," in connection with which a Post Office was run and ice cream cones were sold. The Committee also sold tickets and took part in the big whirlwind campaign, being very successful in the down-town districts, which were allotted to us. At the close of the Military Benefit the 24th were able to give the Soldiers' Wives' League a check for \$1,158.67.

During the summer, Mrs. A. Hardman and Mrs. Boyd sold ice cream on the McGill Campus, in which venture we were very

successful. Mrs. Reynolds held a concert in Victoria Hall, the proceeds from which she very kindly sent us a donation. The Maison-neuve Red Cross Group also helped very much by holding a Sock Shower.

At Xmas time the usual parcels were forwarded to our men. 700 packages containing chocolate, gum, bachelor buttons, candles, handkerchiefs, cigarettes, socks and a Xmas card. To those in hospital 300 comfort bags were sent. That both parcels and bags were greatly appreciated has since been shown by the letters of thanks sent to members of the committee.

On December 29th, a Xmas treat was held for the families of the men in the 24th, invitations to which were issued by Miss Shepherd, who is in charge of our regimental lists. During the afternoon a very interesting programme was given, after which tea was served. On going home each child was given an apple, orange, bag of candy, and a toy. Mrs. Walsh very kindly took charge of a special table for the returned soldiers.

When the Khaki League made their house to house canvas the 24th took the upper level from Claremont to Mt. Pleasant Ave. This same ground was covered during the Patriotic campaign, at which time we also took over the Queen's Hotel.

On St. Valentine's night the committee held a Bridge and Dance, at the Ritz-Carlton, which our Treasurer's report shows was most certainly a success. In this, we were joined by Mrs. Loomis and her committee.

In connection with the returned soldiers, who have been discharged, it was found necessary to form a committee to look after their families and see that their pensions were being attended to. Mrs. A. Shatford and Mrs. J. N. Greenshields were asked to be the conveners, with a large committee to work with them. In order that they could better understand what the men are entitled to, and thus be able to explain clearly to the men and their wives, Mrs. J. Williamson Ross was asked to give us an address on pensions, which she very kindly did making our last meeting a very interesting and instructive one.

As a large number of the 148th men have been draughted into the 24th, Mrs. Magee was asked to come to our meetings and to work in conjunction with our committee on these cases, and report to Mrs. Hardman, who is the convener of our casualty committee. As Mrs. Hardman has a very strong visiting committee we have been able, as each casualty is reported to visit, where possible, or write to the families, and, if necessary, to help them.

Mrs. Dodwell and Mrs. McNicoll were conveners of the Ticket Committee for Racey's Concert.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total receipts amounted to.....	\$3,114.48
Total disbursements amounted to.....	2,432.07
Balance.....	\$ 682.41

24th BATTALION V.R.C.—VISITING COMMITTEE

DURING the year 167 families have been visited, fourteen of these have been helped financially, or otherwise.

This help, not of a permanent nature, was intended to fill in the gap existing, until other arrangements were completed. This in the case of casualties.

Regarding the new Draft of our Battalion. The Committee of the 148th, over 300 of which, Battalion, are with the 24th, will continue to care for their casualties, leaving only a sympathetic call for our Ladies to make.

Respectfully submitted,

B. ALICE HARDMAN,

Convener.

WOOL COMMITTEE

BESIDE the cases of Xmas parcels, sent to the Battalion in France, we sent 150 comfort bags, containing magazines, stories, playing cards, chewing gum, pencil, paper and cigarettes sent to the 24th, wounded, in England. In December, the Wool Committee started shipping to France a case each week, from December 1st to March 1st, 13 cases have been shipped containing 1,610 pairs socks, 16 pairs wristlets, 16 mufflers, 13 wraps. Of these 103 pairs socks have been knit by the wives and mothers of our soldiers, the wristlets, mufflers, caps, and 328 pairs socks have been donations. There has been 650 lbs. of wool purchased, of which we have about 250 lbs. to be returned knit into socks. The Committee of the 148th Battalion have sent us 3 cases containing 125 pairs of socks each, which have been sent to France for 148th men drafted into 24th Battalion.

During December we sent to the Parcels Department Canadian Red Cross, London, England, 6 pine pillows of 100 magazine stories, to be forwarded to 24th Battalion wounded in England.

Mrs. Cowan

Mrs. Laing

Mrs. Heatoro

Miss Shepherd

—Wool Committee.

THE 60th BATTALION

For the Year 1916

IT has been decided by the committee previous to January, 1916, that when the Battalion went to France we should send them one hundred and fifty pairs of socks each month, so wool was purchased and the wives and mothers of the men notified that it would be given out in the League rooms every Monday afternoon.

Up to the present we have taken in an average of 20 pairs per week. With these and five pairs per month from each member of the committee, 10 pairs from the Victoria Rifles Chapter I.O.D.E., and 10 pairs from the Grenadier Guards Committee, we were able to send forward from February to the end of May 660 pairs. In the latter part of June we sent three cases containing 180 pairs and extra comforts.

On the 23rd of May we gave a tea for the wives and mothers of the men, at which a letter was read from Major Evans telling of the splendid way the men had done their duty.

As our efforts are now being put into collecting enough socks for the men to start the winter with, only one case of 150 pairs was sent in August. In September 975 pairs of socks and 150 pairs of wristlets were sent. Our Christmas boxes contained 1,000 stockings, containing each a handkerchief, a hand towel, pipe, $\frac{1}{4}$ pound box of hard candy, a package of chocolate, and games, puzzle or mouth organ, sterno candles, paper, pencil and envelopes. These were sent the 1st October. Cakes and smokes were forwarded from England.

We assisted the Victoria Rifles in the Tea Room at the Military Benefit.

After Christmas, a second tea was given, at which a number of our returned soldiers were present.

Where there have been casualties, the families have been visited as far as possible and in a couple of cases of returned soldiers, we have assisted the families financially.

During the year, we have raised and spent one thousand dollars, and have distributed 225 pounds of wool.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League for the use of the rooms and to the Daughters of the Empire for forwarding our cases.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) H. I. PAVEY,

Convener.

242ND FORESTRY BATTALION.

THE 242nd Forestry Committee Branch of the Soldiers' Wives' League organized for work on Dec. 11th, 1916, Mrs. J. B. White, wife of the O.C. was elected President and Mrs. J. W. Hughson, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee consists of officers' wives and other ladies interested in the Battalion.

The Committee meet the soldiers' wives every fourth Friday, when matters of interest are discussed, wool given out to be knitted and tea served. The Soldiers' Wives' League kindly offered their rooms for this day.

On January 29th, a Bridge and Five-Hundred was held at the Ritz-Carlton, when \$235.25 was realized. In addition to this, various

donations are gratefully acknowledged, among these toys and 50 pairs socks from the League.

At Christmas time the wives' families of the men were all invited to a tea in the League rooms, when parcels consisting of toys, etc., were given.

Two hundred pairs socks have been sent over to the Battalion and all the Soldiers' wives residing in the Montreal district have been visited.

The committee has now 50 pounds wool, 50 pairs socks and a balance of \$308.74.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN M. WHITE,

Convener.

244TH BATTALION (Kitchener's Own).

THE Ladies' Committee of the 244th Battalion was organized in September, 1916, to provide comforts for the men, visit their families and give help when necessary.

At our first meeting the Colonel and Officers of the Battalion very generously presented us with \$500 from their Fund to enable us to buy wool. Each member pays a monthly fee of fifty cents and collects as much money as possible from friends to add to our wool fund, which seems to almost melt away owing to the high price of wool.

The energetic way in which the members have worked enables me to report that our men will be well equipped with comforts. We were very pleased to be able to donate about 75 pairs of wristlets to the Composite Battalion.

Last autumn, together with the Victoria Rifles and the 60th Battalion, under the convenorship of Mrs. George Starke and Mrs. Molson Crawford, we assisted at the Military Benefit at the Arena and received for our pleasure and trouble a nice little cheque.

On December 27th, in the Battalion Barracks, we had a Christmas Tree and Tea for the families of the men. We welcomed a large number of the men as well, which brought our number up to over 600. Our thanks are due to the Soldiers' Wives' League for helping us with this entertainment by generously donating \$25.00, also we would like to record our appreciation for the use of the League rooms, where we meet our women every week to distribute wool and knit for the Battalion, which work, in Soldier Language, we intend to "Carry On."

Respectfully submitted,

S. McROBIE.

LIST OF MEMBERS

ABBOTT, MRS. WILLIAM.....	435 Grosvenor Ave.
ARMSTRONG, MRS. EDGAR N.....	Cavendish Apartment 250 Sherbrooke W.
ARNOLD, MISS GERTRUDE.....	423 Mount Pleasant Ave.
ADAMS, MRS.....	2359 Cartier
ANDERSON, MRS. GAR.....	56 Westmount Ave. Mtl. W. Summer Pointe-Claire
ARCHIBALD, MRS. E.....	160 Metcalfe St.
ALLAN, MRS.....	829 Lorne Crescent
ADAIR, MRS. R.....	18 McTavish
BUSTEED, MRS. E. B.....	4035 Dorchester, West
BIRKETT, MRS. H. S.....	252 Mountain
BOVEY, MRS. W.....	78 Durocher
BROWN, MRS. E. R.....	451 Mackay
BLAIKLOCK, MRS. M. S.....	405 Mackay
BOTTING, MISS.....	14 Ste. Famille
BARLOW, MISS W. L.....	4769 Sherbrooke, Westmount
BARWICK, MISS.....	102 Crescent
BUCHANAN, MRS. F. P.....	212 Cote St. Antoine Rd.
BERTRAM, LADY.....	4217 Western Ave.
BROWN, MRS. F. CAMPBELL.....	22 Côte des Neiges Rd.
BURNSIDE, MRS. D.....	22 Prince Arthur West
BETHUNE, MISS.....	627 Dorchester West
BLACK, MRS. J. P.....	21 Cote des Neiges Hill
BIRCHALL, MRS. A. S.....	Chambly Basin
BLAIKLOCK, MRS. GEORGE.....	
BROWN, MRS. J. STEVENSON.....	13 Bishop
BROWN, MISS JESSIE.....	32 Crescent
BROWN, MISS TILLIE.....	32 Crescent
BOND, MRS. FRANK.....	247 Bishop
BROWNE, MISS.....	1623 Esplanade
BURY, LADY.....	278 Stanley
BOSTWICK, MRS. A. R.....	532 Grosvenor Ave., E. Westmount
BYERS, MRS. E. A.....	"The Sherbrooke"
BEIQUE, MAD. LOUIS.....	1942 Av. du Parc
BOURASSA, MAD. EUGENE.....	2704 Ave. Hutchison
BROWN, MISS. A. H.....	29 Crescent
BISAILLON, MAD. PIERRE.....	27 Laval Ave.
BEIQUE, MADAME.....	540 Sherbrooke West
BOYER, MADAME GUY.....	708 Mountain
BLACK, MRS. E. B.....	49 Lincoln Ave.
BEULLAC, MAD. MARCEL.....	460 Mount Stephen Ave., W'mt.
BREMMER, MISS.....	237 Kensington Ave. Westmount
BROWN, MRS. GOODBEE.....	4710 Western Ave.
BEAUCHAMP, MILLE.....	586 St. Denis
BEAUDRY, MAD. HENRI.....	580 Grosvenor Ave., Westmount
COLE, MRS. F. MINDEN.....	951 Tupper St.
CONNERS, MRS. A. H.....	25 Chomedey
CLERGUE, MRS. F. H.....	597 Sherbrooke West
CURRY, MRS. V. G.....	100 Crescent
CRAWFORD, MRS. D. LORN.....	130 Brock Ave., Mtl. West
COTTINGHAM, MRS. D. P.....	465 Cote St. Antoine Rd.
COOPER, MRS. JAMES.....	433 Metcalfe Ave.
COOPER, MISS.....	433 Metcalfe Ave.
COLE, MRS. ALFRED W.....	33 Crescent
CARSON, LADY.....	4113 Sherbrooke
CARSON, MISS.....	4113 Sherbrooke
CARSLEY, MRS. W. F.....	31 McGregor
COLTARD, MRS. R. S.....	557 Roslyn Ave.
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CANTLIE, MRS. GEO. S.	502 Sherbrooke, West
CARTER, MISS	32 Seymour Ave.
CARSLEY, MRS. C. L.	12 Aberdeen Ave.
CAMPBELL, MISS	68 Ste. Famille
CREELMAN, MISS	694 Sherbrooke West
COSTIGAN, MISS	1046 Dorchester West
CHRISTIE, MISS	St. Lambert
CUTHBERTSON, MRS. G. J.	625 Carleton Ave., Westmount
COWAN, MRS. W.	388 Elm Ave., Westmount
CLIFT, MRS. ARTHUR	121 Bayle
CRAWFORD, MRS. J. MOLSON	261 Bishop
CAINS, MRS. GEO. L.	14 Macgregor
COFFIN, MRS. T.	167 St. Denis
CUNNINGHAM, MRS.	819 University
CAPE, MRS. E. G. M.	Redpath Crescent
CUNNINGHAM, MRS. C. A.	31 Drummond
CLEGHORN, MRS. J.	474 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Westmount
COATES, MRS. W. A.	660 Sherbrooke West
CLARKE, MRS. H.	62 McTavish
CARTER, MRS. S. J.	953 Dorchester West
CHARTON, MADAME L.	80 St. Denis
DICKSON, MRS. J. E.	24 Stanley Court-Stanley
DODDS, MISS AGNES	
DAVIDSON, MRS. J. H.	50 Aberdeen Ave.
DODDS, MRS. W. O. H.	
DESBARATS, MISS V.	104 Crescent
DUPUIS, MADAME ALBERT	143 Sherbrooke East.
DRURY, MRS. JAMES	18 Osborne
DUNCAN, MRS. M. E.	29 Cote des Neiges Rd.
DESCARIES, MADAME JEREMIE	857 Dorchester West
DAWSON, MRS. GEO.	437 Mt. Pleasant Ave., W'mt.
DOBLE, MRS. A. R.	804 Sherbrooke West
DAWES, MRS. J. P.	35 Crescent
DAVIDSON, MRS. THOS.	24 Sussex Ave.
DAWES, MRS. KENNETH E.	100 St. Mark
DAVIDSON, MRS. PEERS	
DODWELL, MRS. L.E.	1 Washington Apartments
DOWSLEY, MRS.	87 Fort
DE MARTIGNY, MADAME FRANCOIS	330 Sherbrooke Est
DONALD, MRS. E.	4274 Dorchester Westmount
DECARY, MADAME ARTHUR	43 St. Mark
DANSEREAU, MELLE	
DES TROIS MAISONS, MADAME	419 Notre-Dame Ouest
DAVIDSON, MRS.	29 Windsor Ave.
DUNNET, MRS. A. T.	418 Carriere Rd.
DE TONNANCOUR, MADAME L. G.	718 St-Hubert
DUNLOP, MISS L. C.	299 Peel Ave.
EWING, MRS. J. A.	378 Wood Ave. Westmount
EVANS, MRS. L.	Waredale Park
EATON, MRS. E. C.	32 Seymour Ave.
ELLIOT, MISS	27 Crescent
EVANS, MRS. W. H.	791 University
EVANS, MRS. W. BERNARD	82 St. Matthew
FAGES, MRS. J. A.	
FAGES, MISS	
FAIRIE, MRS. JAMES	128 Bishop
FINLAY, MRS. F. J.	273 Bishop
FULLERTON, MRS. W.	320 Kensington Ave.
FORTIER, MRS.	404 Metclafe Ave.
FULLERTON, MRS. W.	320 Kensington, Ave.

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FORTIER, MRS.	404 Metclafe Ave.
FORSYTH, MISS	"The Sherbrooke"
FORBES, MRS. MACKENZIE	202 Cote St. Antoine Rd.
FEATHERSTONHAUGH, MRS.	775 Sherbrooke West
FEATHERSTONHAUGH, MISS	775 Sherbrooke west
FARTHING, MRS. J. C.	43 Union Ave.
FINLAY, MRS. R.	424 Mackay
FINNISS, MRS.	4118 Western Ave., Westmount
FAIRIE, MRS. ARTHUR	239 Mountain
GIBSONE, MRS.	43 Fort
GIBBON, MRS. M.	2403 Waverley
GUNN, MRS. J. A.	510 Roselyn Ave.
GRAFFTEY, MRS. W. K.	616 Sydenham Ave.
GRAVEL, MISS HERMINE	59 Mansfield
GARTH, MRS. JOHN H.	310 Prince Arthur W.
GAUTHIER, MISS	Windsor Hotel
GOODHUGH, MISS	377 Clarke Ave.
GIBBIN, MRS.	2597 Park Ave.
GORDON, MRS. E.	57 McGill College Ave.
GRIFFITH, MRS. R.	221 Peel
GALLOWAY, MRS. D. E.	756 Sherbrooke W.
GILL, MISS	9 Summerhill Ave.
GRIER, MRS. HERBERT	457 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
HARE, MRS. C.	4091 Tupper
HYDE, MRS. G. T.	72 Westmount Boulevard
HOWARD, MRS. PALMER	4167 Avenue Road, Westmount
HUNTER, MISS	Stanley Court, Stanley
HUNTER, MISS G.	Stanley Court, Stanley
HANSON, MISS B.	484 Mount Pleasant
HALL, MRS. G. E.	275 Mountain
HODGE, MRS. T. G.	9 Queen Alexandra Apt.
HYDE, MRS. J. REID	756 Sherbrooke W.
HODGE, MRS. GEORGE	2135 Park Ave.
HANSON, MRS. P. R.	7 Prince Arthur, St. Lambert
HART, MRS. R. A. BALDWIN	The New Sherbrooke, 600 Sherbrooke W.
HARROWER, MRS. JOHN	21 Brooke Ave.
HEBDEN, MRS. E. B.	261 Bishop
HANSON, MISS P.	"The Linton"
HALSIMAND, MRS. W. L.	240 Bishop
HENNY, MISS	486 Victoria Ave., Westmount
HUNTER, MRS.	50 Cote-des-Neiges
HOGAN, MISS	c/o Miss Forsyth, "The Sherbrooke"
HASTINGS, MRS. W.	84 Redpath
HARROWER, MRS. G. H.	44 Hampton Court, 355 Mountain
HENDERSON, MISS G. C.	631 Delmont Ave., Westmount
HENEY, MRS. E. N.	464 Sherbrooke W.
HEBERT, MRS. A. J.	Westmount
HARTE, MRS. J. A.	18 Summerhill Ave.
HANSON, MISS OLIVE	2135 Park Ave.
HEBDEN, MRS. E. F.	445 Sherbrooke West
IBBOTSON, MISS	10 Oldfield Ave.
ILES, MRS. CHARLES	18 Summerhill Ave.
IRVING, MRS. W. J.	474 Grosvenor Ave.
JOHNSON, MRS. CHARLES	360 Grosvenor Ave.
JACK, MRS. J.	378 Wood Ave.
JENKINS, MRS. JOHN	666 Belmont Ave., Westmount
KENT, MRS. LIONEL	4042 Dorchester
KIPPEN, MRS. J. D.	493 Mount Pleasant Ave.
KERRY, MRS. S.	300 Pine Ave., Westmount

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KINSALLA, MRS. T.	1040 Dorchester W., Westmount
KANANAGH, MRS.	276 Pine Ave., West
KETTERSON, MISS R. B.	197 Oxford
LOOMIS, MRS. F. O. W.	36 Lincoln Ave.
LEEMY, MISS	"The Anchorage," Dorval, Que.
LEWIS, MRS. W. J.	276 Pine Ave. West
LANE, MRS. C. F.	Cavendish Apt., 250 Sherbrook W.
LAMBERT, MRS. H. M.	102 St. Mark
LEDUC, MADAME LOUIS.	59 Ave. Nelson
LEBLANC, LADY P. E.	Que.
LAROCQUE, MADAME A. A.	Rosemont Ave., Westmount
LABELLE, MADAME A. E.	447 Mount Stephen
LAYTON, MRS.	The Mansion, Guy St.
LIZARD, MISS.	4113 Sherbrooke W., Westmount
LEISHMAN, MRS.	473 Strathcona Ave., Westmount
LEWIS, MRS. F. L.	267 Oliver Ave., Westmount
LESLIE, MISS M.	1020 Tupper
LACOSTE MADAME LOUIS.	191 St. Hubert
LORDLY, MRS. H. R.	74 Strathcona Ave., Montreal West
LABELLE, MADAME J. H.	252 Metcalfe Ave., Westmount
LAVIOLETTE, MADAME DUMONT.	
LAMBERTON, MRS.	919 St. Hubert
LILY, MISS EMMA.	245 Wilson Ave., N.D. de G.
LILY, MISS EDITH.	245 Wilson Ave., N.D. de G.
MONSERRAT, MRS. C. N.	4189 Sherbrooke
MORRISEY, MRS. L.	85 Churchill
MARTIN, MISS M. H.	25 Stanley Court, Stanley
MATTHEWS, MRS. H. ROSS.	43 Fenwick Ave., Mtl. W.
MARTIN, MISS C.	Stanley Court, Stanley
MELDRUM, MISS.	70 Fort
MUDGE, MISS V.	22 Chomey
MARTIN, MRS. R. D.	1 Murray Ave.
MOLSON, MRS. H. S. S.	4 Cavendish Apt.
MARTIN, MRS. J. E.	374 Wood Ave.
MURRAY, MISS.	The Regi Apts., 271 Prince Arthur W.
MILLINGTON, MRS. M. C.	188 Congregation
MATTHEWS, MRS. R. E.	Queen Alexandra Apts.
MATTHEWS, MRS. ALLEN R.	626 Sydenham Ave., Westmount
MOORE, MRS. EDWARD D.	c-o Mrs. Oswald, 385 Claremont Ave.
MORRISON, MRS. JOHN.	1033 Cadieux
MATTHEWS, MRS. C. S.	33 Sussex Ave.
MAGEE, MRS. ALLAN.	Max Welton Apts.
MORPHY, MRS. A. G.	761 Sherbrooke West
MACINDOE, MRS. A. C.	10 Baltyne Ave. S., Mtl. W.
MAY, MRS.	434 Elm Ave.
MAY, MISS.	434 Elm Ave.
MAY, MISS M.	434 Elm Ave.
MEREDITH, LADY H. V.	526 Pine Ave.
MACCULLOCK, MRS. W. W.	2113 Waverley
MORRISON, MRS. LILIA.	148 Milton
MILLER, MRS. E.	2105 Cartier
MATTHEWS, MRS. GEO. H.	Windsor Hotel
McKEE, MRS. H.	158 Crescent
McCOMBE, MISS H.	304 Prince Arthur West
McCOMBE, MRS. JOHN.	"The Anchorage," Dorval, Que.
McCOMBE, MRS. DR.	"Mille failte," Dorval, Que.
McCOMBE, MRS. A.	304 Prince Arthur West
McDUNNOUGH, MISS.	254 Prince Arthur West
McINTYRE, MRS. J. HOLMES.	84 Ste-Famille

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McGIBBON, MRS. LORNE	27 Ontario Ave.
McCASKILL, MRS. D. A.	11 Simpson
McNAB, MRS. WM.	25 Essex Ave.
McNAUGHT, MRS. R. H.	.....	4949 Western Ave., Westmount
McFARLANE, MRS. CLEMENT H.	.....	139 Crescent
McDOUGALL, MRS. GEORGE	.....	272 Bishop St.
McROBIE, MRS. F. M.	.....	647 Grosvenor, Westmount
McGILL, MISS	.....	52 Durocher
NOTMAN, MRS.	.....	22 Summerhill Ave.
NELLES, MRS. J. WIDMER	.....	89 Esplanade
O'DONOHUE, MRS. J. V.	.....	422 Wood Ave
OSTELL, MRS. J. T.	.....	195 Bishop
OWEN, MRS. J. A.	.....	Chambly Basin, Que.
ORKIN, MRS. J. M.	.....	239 Clarke Ave., Westmount
OBALSKI, MISS	.....	22 Sherbrooke West
ODELL, MRS. H. J.	.....	73 Crescent
PAVEY, MRS. H. L.	.....	363 Westhill Ave.
PHILLIPS, MISS	.....	Old Sherbrooke Apt.
PAUZE, MRS. FRANK	.....	255 Ave., Outremont
PLAW, MRS. R. G.	.....	73 Columbia Ave.
PALM, MRS. E.	.....	Travancore Apts., Cedar Ave.
PEACOCK, MRS.	.....	22 Cote-des-Neiges Road
PORTEOUS, MRS. GODFREY	.....	"The Linton"
PORTER, MRS. A.	.....	17 Dandurand
PATCH, MRS. F. S.	.....	68 Westmount Blvd.
PALMER, MRS. C. A.	.....	Strathearn Ave., Montreal West
PETERS, MRS. C. A.	.....	370 Mountain
PALMER, MRS. J. H.	.....	439 Grosvenor Ave., Westmount
PENMAN, MRS. JOHN	.....	12 Oldfield Ave.
PAUZE, MISS FLOSSIE	.....	255 Outremont Ave., Outremont
PRICE, MRS. FRED	.....	67 Somerville Ave., Westmount
PENNOYER, MRS. A. R.	.....	418 Mackay
RILEY, MISS	.....	Dorval, Que.
REXFORD, MRS. IRVING	.....	105 St. Luke
RENOUF, MRS. E. M.	.....	718 Pine Ave., Westmount
ROSS, MRS. J. G.	.....	"The Linton," Sherbrooke W.
RAYMOND, MRS. D. C.	.....	43 St. Mark
RITCHIE, MISS S. C.	.....	133 Stanley
REID, MISS	.....	49 McGill College Ave.
ROBB, MRS. W. D.	.....	4700 Western Ave.
ROBERTSON, MRS. ALEX	.....
ROBIN, MRS. J. B.	.....	116 Cedar Ave.
ROBERTSON, MRS. GEORGE ROSS	.....	213 Drummond
RICHARDSON, MRS. JOHN	.....	660 Sherbrooke West
ROUTH, MRS. H.	.....	27 Crescent
ROBERTS, MRS. G. A.	.....	780 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A.
REEKIE, MISS	.....	108 Durocher
REAY, MRS. JOHN L.	.....	783 University
ROWELL, MRS.	.....	92a St. Matthew
ROSS, MRS. GEO. D.	.....	411 Mackay
RICHARDSON, MISS	.....	69 Victoria
RUTHERFORD, MRS. WM	.....	109 Cote St Antoine Rd., Westmount
ROBINSON, MRS. A.	.....	136 Mansfield
RAINSFORTH	.....	1696 des Erables
ROWAT, MRS. J.	.....	634 Belgian Ave., Westmount
ROBB, MRS. F. G.	128 Stanley
RAPHAEL, MRS. JOHN F.	10 Seymour Ave.
RIOPEL, MRS. C.	9 St. Matthew

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STARK, MRS. N. B.	87 Westmount Boulevarde
SADLER, MRS. W. J.	2 Prospect St., Westmount
SMART, MRS. C. A.	Belvedere Road
SINTON, MRS.	Stanley Court, Stanley
STEVENSON, MRS. S. C.	465 Cote St. Antoine Rd.
SMITH, MRS. O.	Waldemar Apt., 119 St. Matthew
STEWART, MRS. W. J.	54 Port
STEWART MISS.	54 Fort
SMITH, MRS. J. H.	Denforth Conc., Portland, Me.
STARKE, MRS. GEO. R.	722 Sherbrooke West
STAUNTON, MISS GRACE	472 Strathcona Ave.
SLATER, MRS. J. ALSON	31 Ontario Ave.
SCOTT, MRS. W.	115 Hutchison
SHORT, MRS. ROBERT	2112 Bordeaux
SAVAGE, MRS.	405 Mackay
STARKE, MRS. ROBERT	433 Elm Ave.
SCULLY, MRS. WM.	113 Crescent
SHAW, MISS.	635 University
SHACKLETON, MISS.	"The Star"
SAVAGE, MRS. E. B.	84 St. Matthew
STEWART, MRS. W. GRANT	61 Sherbrooke West
SMITH, MRS. J. HENRY	288 Mackay
STANGER, MISS AIMEE	
SAVAGE, MRS. R. D.	12 Stanley Court, 131 Stanley
SISE, MRS. PAUL	724 Pine Ave. West
SHAW, MRS. H. S.	1944 Park Ave.
SHEPPARD, MR. E.	368 Wood Ave., Westmount
SNEED, MRS.	4700 Western Ave., Westmount
SCOTT, MRS. E. J.	664 Belmont Ave., Westmount
STEWART, MRS. WALTER M.	14 Shellark Ave.
SKELTON, MRS. CHARLES	108 Chomedy
TAYLOR, MRS. W. BRUCE	503 Argyle Ave., Westmount
TAYLOR, MRS. BRUCE	398 Dorchester West
TERROUX, MADAME ARTHUR	797 de l'Universite
TYRE, MISS	33 St. Luke
TARDIF, MADAME VICTOR	22 Sherbrooke West
TRENHOLME, MRS. E. W.	212 Drummond
THOM, MRS. JAMES	4110 Western Ave., Westmount
TAYLOR, LADY F. WILLIAMS	686 Mountain
TOMLINSON, MRS. A. T.	2094 Park Ave.
THOMSON, MRS. C.	481 Victoria Ave., Westmount
TUCKER, MRS. W. G.	683 Tupper
THOMSON, MRS. ALFRED H.	564 Roselyn Ave., Westmount
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UPTON, MISS	Suite 11, Plaza, Esplanada Ave.
VAUTELET, MRS. H. E.	69 Victoria
VIRTUE, MRS. C. S.	463 Grosvenor Ave.
VAN NORDEN, MRS.	Metcalfe Apts., Westmount
WHITEHEAD, MRS. E. A.	306 Peel
WEBB, MRS. H. J.	Travancore Apts., Cedar Ave.
WARMINTON, MRS. JOHN N.	19 Springfield Ave.
WINTER, MRS. W. H.	596 Victoria Ave., Westmount
WARREN, MRS.	395 Guy St.
WOODBURN, MRS. E. J.	"The Regi Apt.," 271 Prince Arthur W.
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WILLIAMSON, MRS. JAMES.....	702 Dorchester West
WILSON, MRS. R.....	596 Wellington
WYLDE, CHARLES.....	101 Crescent
WANKLYN, MRS. F. L.....	241 Drummond
WATT, MRS. A. MCTAVISH.....	47 St. Mark.
WALBANK, MRS. W. MCLEA.....	214 Peel
WATTS, MRS. G. W.....	Dorval, Que.
WATSON, MRS. T. D.....	24 Chomey
WILLIS, MRS.....	236 Mackay
WHITE, MRS. de JERSEY.....	597 Union Ave.
WHITE, MRS. R. SMEATON.....	386 Dorchester West
WREN, MRS. E. L.....	344 Mountain
WALKER, MRS. W. E.....	"The Warwick," 1906 Samson St., Philadelphia
WOODBURN, MRS. BENJAMIN W.....	144 Belgrave Ave., N.D. de G.
WOODING, MRS.....	Closse St.
WALLACE, MRS. (Miss Carson).....	
WALSH, MRS. J. T.....	43 Trafalgar Ave.
WILSON, MRS. E. W.....	Windsor Hotel
YOUNG, MRS. DONALD.....	75a Ste Famille
YOUNGER, MRS. J. D.....	135 Chandeboye Ave.
YOUNGER, MISS.....	135 Chandeboye Ave.
YATES, MRS. H. B.....	257 Peel
YULE, MRS. WILLIAM.....	89 Redpath

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CONSTITUTION OF SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE

(Adopted 30th March, 1900.)

I.—NAME

The name of the Association is the SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE.

II.—OBJECT

The object of this League is to bring the Wives of all Soldiers, whether of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, of Men or the Staff, Permanent Corps and Active Militia of Canada, into closer touch and sympathy with one another, so that whether in sickness or in health, they may be able mutually to aid and assist one another and their families in times of difficulty, trouble or distress.

III.—PATRONESSES

There may be a Patroness and one or more Vice-Patronesses.

IV.—COUNCIL

The affairs of the League shall be managed by a Council which shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, District Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and two Members.

The Council will meet annually at Ottawa on a date coinciding with the General Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, which is usually held in February of each year. The Council shall have the power to make or amend the Rules of the League, administer its affairs generally, receive and distribute funds contributed for general use, and conduct such business as may be brought before it. The Council will receive annually the Reports of the District Branches. The Council will elect annually the President, two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, and the two Members. Five will form a quorum.

V.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the two Members, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer. The Members of the Executive Committee must be residents of Ottawa. To the charge of this Committee shall be entrusted all the business of the Council during the year, except that it shall not be able to alter the Rules or Constitution of the League.

This Committee shall assemble whenever it may be deemed necessary by the President, or Vice-President acting on behalf of the President. Three to form a quorum.

VI.—MINUTES

The Minutes of Council and Executive Committee shall be entered in a book for that purpose by the General Secretary.

VII.—FINANCE

Each District Branch will pay into the Council annually the sum of five dollars for the purpose of meeting necessary current expenses.

VIII.—LEAGUE YEAR

The League Year will commence on the 1st January and terminate on the 31st of December.

DISTRICT BRANCHES

District Branches shall be formed in each Military District.

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THE MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE

MEMBERSHIP.—The Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Relatives and Friends of all Officers, N.C. Officers and Men of the Permanent and Militia Forces of Canada are eligible as Members.

SUBSCRIPTION.—An annual subscription of one dollar shall be payable in January, Only members whose fees have been paid for three months are entitled to vote.

ORGANIZATION.—The Organization of the Montreal Branch shall be: *A General Committee, an Executive Committee and a Sub-Committee.* The *General Committee* consists of the full membership of the League. This Committee shall conduct the general business of the League at their regular meetings, 20 shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Committee consists of the Hon. President, the Officers of the League and the Presidents of Branches. It shall consider business to be brought before the general committee. Six shall form a quorum.

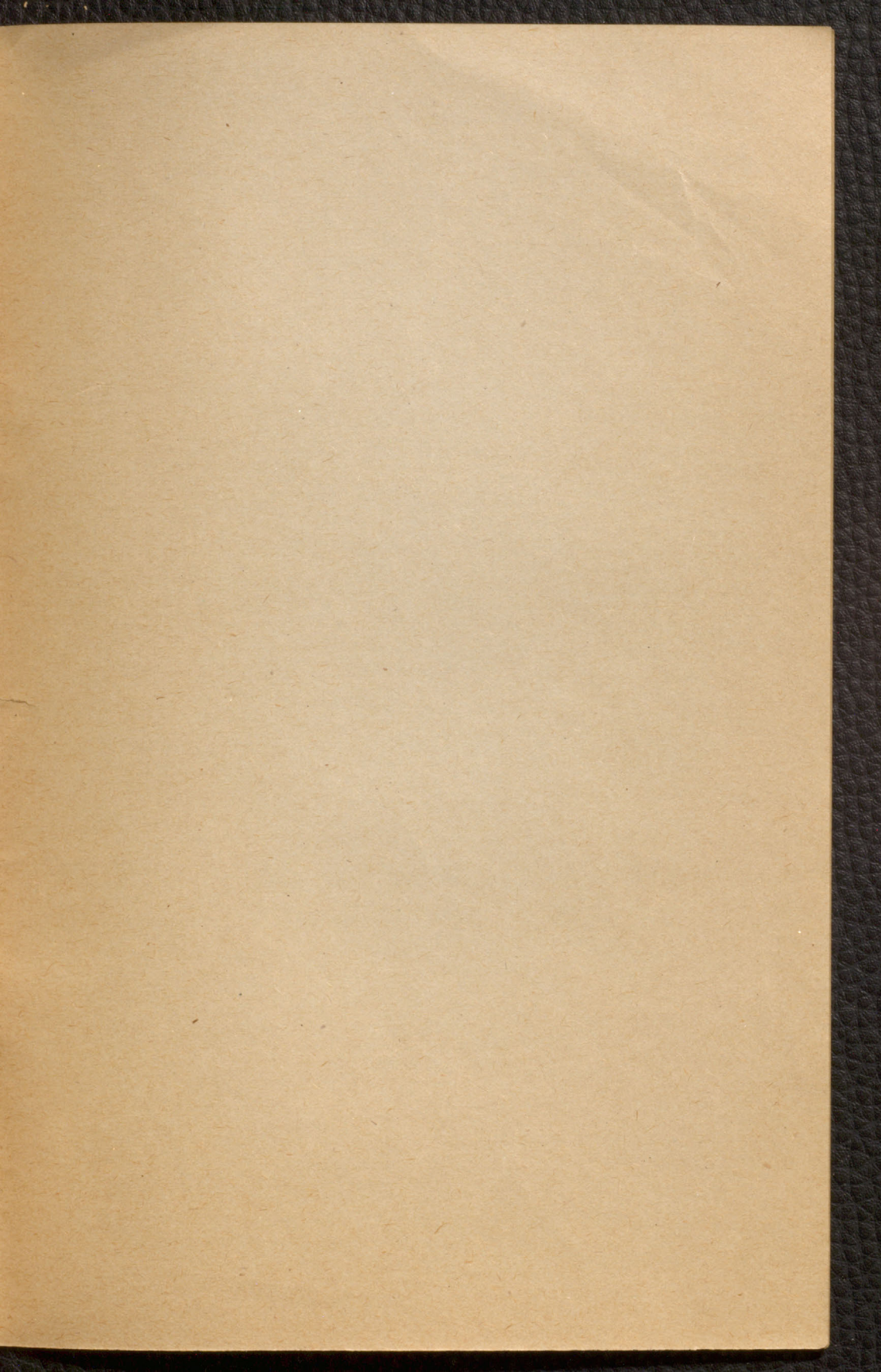
The Sub-Executive Committee consists of the Hon. President, and the officers of the League, and shall transact special business and attend matters requiring immediate attention. Four shall form a quorum.

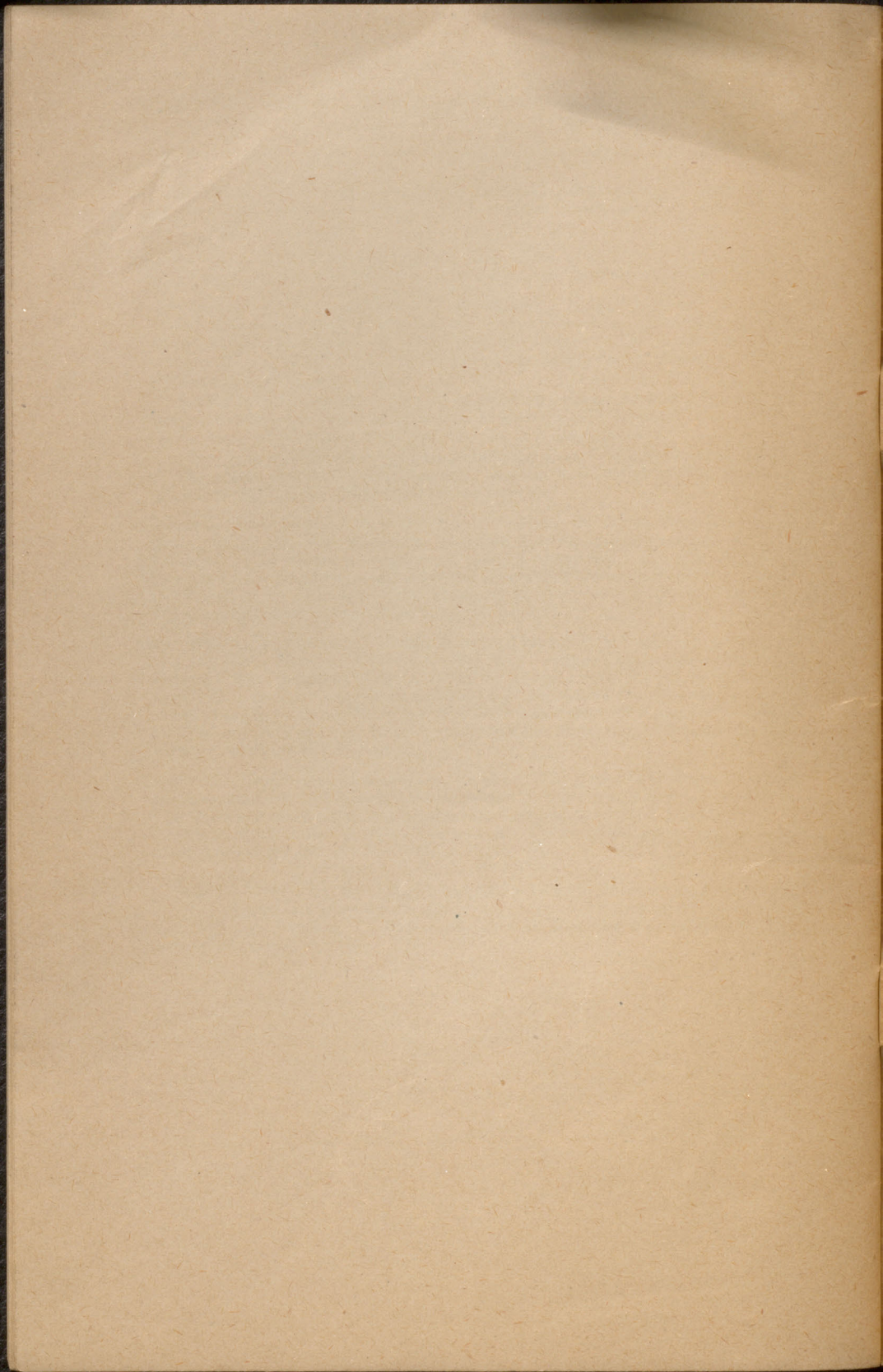
OFFICERS.—The officers shall be an Hon. President, President, three Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Rec.-Secretary, and two Corresponding Secretaries. The President is ex-officio, a member of every Committee. The Corresponding Secretaries are ex-officio members of the Emergency Committee, and one should be present at all meetings. The Treasurer is ex-officio a member of all Committees which distribute the money of the League.

LOCAL BRANCHES.—Branches should be formed in connection with every regiment and unit in the district. Other Branches may be formed at the discretion of the League. The Branches shall be called by the name of the regiment or unit with which they are associated followed by "Branch of the *Montreal Soldiers' Wives' League.*" Other Branches may bear any preferred name, but followed by the same words. No Branch shall dissolve or separate from the League without notifying the Executive.

MEETINGS.—The League closes its year on the 31st of December. Annual General Meeting shall be held later for the reception of reports and election of officers. The President shall appoint a nominating Committee of three from among the members of the Sub-Executive Committee. Other nominations may also be made from the floor.

These By-Laws may be changed only at a General Meeting of the League and notice of such change must be given in writing to the Executive, two months before, for consideration. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to carry.





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