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1,000,000 Adult Members Now Engaged in Red Cross Work

One-Sixth of Canada's Population Enlisted In 2,600 Branches—Losses Light

One-sixth of Canada's total population now is enlisted in voluntary service through the 2,600 branches of the Canadian Red Cross Society, it was reported Thursday at the annual meeting of the central council of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Membership reports showed the society has more than 1,000,000 adult members and some 300,000 Junior Red Cross members.

War Services Minister Thorson, who addressed the council, congratulated the Red Cross on its part in the country's war effort, a contribution which, he said, could not be replaced by any Government agency.

Jackson Dodds, of Montreal, chairman of the central council, presided at the meetings which continue today and which are being attended by 80 delegates from all parts of Canada.

Mrs. Wallace R. Campbell, of Windsor, Ont., as national women's war work committee chairman, reported 6,416,976 articles were shipped overseas for distribution in 1941. Included were: Hospital supplies, 1,066,383; comforts for the forces, 2,025,197; women's auxiliary services, 198,267; and civilian clothing and comforts, 2,239,821.

Despite the shortage of space on ocean vessels accommodation had been found for all shipments, Harry Milburn, of Montreal, transportation committee chairman, told the council. Every week approximately 37,000 parcels, or some 200 tons, are shipped, including parcels for prisoners of war. Losses from enemy action were less than 2-3 per cent. of the value of the goods.

Red Cross disaster and relief preparations have been most active on the East and West coasts, but provincial committees have been organized in Quebec and Ontario, W. J. Cairns, of Toronto, assistant national commissioner, said.

Large quantities of hospital supplies and 5,000 blankets had been sent to British Columbia and were in storage at strategic points. Arrangements had also been made for reserve hospital supply stocks held in the three mid-Western provinces to be shipped immediately to British Columbia in case of emergency.

In Newfoundland 176,300 articles have been distributed to men of the army, navy and air force, said Miss Mona Wilson, Assistant Commissioner for Newfoundland. During 1941, 500 survivors of sunken ships were met in Newfoundland by representatives of the Red Cross.

In Halifax, Red Cross port service workers were performing continued with 1,544 cases treated telling of activities of the 800,000 junior members, said 14 mobile and a hospital bed has been endowed by the juniors for war relief work been provided through their efforts. More than \$350,000 was raised kitchens and a station wagon have and peacetime activities were also

Mrs. Jean E. Brome, of Toronto director of the Junior Red Cross, through the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Fund.

Mrs. H. P. Plumpré, of Toronto, chairman of the Red Cross corps committee, reported 79 detachments organized with a membership divided as follows: Transport, 716; nursing auxiliary, 618; office administration, 429; food administration, 173; and British Columbia composite, 1,000.

The national blood donor committee reported blood from approximately 1,700 donors now is being received each week and said it is hoped in the near future to increase this to 3,000 a week.

Expenditures in 1941 on war activities in Canada and overseas totalled \$6,777,929 compared with \$5,682,036 in 1940. Peacetime activities also showed an increase, costing \$1,135,508 in 1941 against \$1,008,043 the previous year, L. A. W. J. Cairns, of Toronto, assistant national commissioner, said.

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Red Cross Society Had Year of Great Activity

Reports to Annual Meeting Show There Are Over a Million Adult Members, 800,000 Juniors, and 2,800 Branches. Thousands of Parcels Go Out Weekly With Loss at a Minimum. Wartime Work Has Greatly Added to Outlays.

The Canadian Red Cross, with over a million adult members and some eight hundred thousand more Junior Red Cross members, now has one sixth of Canada's total population in "voluntary service" in the 2,600 branches all over the Dominion from Cape Breton Island to Vancouver.

One of the most active and productive years in the history of the society was evidenced in the annual reports presented at the annual meeting of the central council of the society here recently.

Mrs. Wallace R. Campbell, national women's war work committee chairman, reported that 6,416,976 articles have been shipped overseas for distribution, including hospital supplies 1,066,383; comforts for the forces 2,025,197; women's auxiliary services 198,267; civilian clothing and comforts 2,239,821 and relief articles distributed in Canada and

Newfoundland 400,286. Harry Milburn, chairman of the national transportation committee stated that approximately 37,000 parcels or 200 tons per week total value of goods shipped lost due to enemy action or strandings.

Reserve Hospital Supplies Arrangements have been made for reserve hospital supply stocks in the three mid-western provinces, ready for immediate shipment to British Columbia in case of emergency, and in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the work is well under way, said W. J. Cairns, assistant national commissioner.

Miss Mona Wilson, assistant commissioner for Newfoundland, reported a total distribution of 175,208 articles to the army, navy, and air force. During the year 500 survivors from torpedoed or foundered ships have been landed in Newfoundland.

Mrs. G. M. McManus, reported on the Red Cross port services committee from Halifax.

Reporting on the Junior Red Cross, Miss Jean E. Brome told of the activities of its 800,000 members in raising money for war purposes and in providing clothing for the victims of bombing in Britain. Over \$350,000 has been raised by the Juniors for war relief work.

Corps Committee Mrs. H. P. Plumpré, chairman of the corps committee, reported on the activities of the corps during the year, showing the strength of the corps to be transport, 716; nursing auxiliary, 618; office administration, 429; food administration, 173; British Columbia composite, 1,000. Forty-seven new detachments were formed and seventeen detachments added, totalling 79 detachments in the C. R. C. C.

From the National Blood Donor Service committee came the report that blood from approximately 1,700 donors is now being received weekly at the Connaught laboratories.

Enquiry Bureau Another important service growing with the progress of the war was the Red Cross Enquiry Bureau at Ottawa. The Bureau constitutes the pooling of all available information, and by the end of March, 1942, more than 120,000 post cards had been received from 40,000 food parcels a week to British prisoners of war in Germany who had received a weekly food parcel. Working directly with Geneva, the Bureau has been able to give information and relieve the anxiety of many anxious families.

Mrs. Adelaide M. Plumpré, acting director, reports splendid co-operation with all government departments as well as other organizations and individuals who have been of assistance.

Norman C. Urquhart, chairman of the Prisoners of War Parcels Committee, told of 664,790 boxes packed and shipped from the society since January 6th, 1941.

Since the fall, 105,000 parcels have been packed for the Australian Red Cross and 27,000 for the New Zealand Red Cross, which they have financed.

Attending the central council meeting are the following officers, Jackson Dodds, Montreal, chairman of the central council; H. W. Manning, Winnipeg, vice-chairman of central council; Hon. Mr. Justice P. H. Gordon, K. C., Toronto, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. H. P. Plumpré, Toronto, vice-chairman of executive committee; L. A. Winter, Toronto, honorary comptroller; Dr. J. T. Phair, Toronto, honorary advisor in public health; Col. George G. Nesmith, Toronto, chairman, Junior Red Cross.

The Red Cross Campaign

(From The Legionaire)

On May 11 the Canadian Red Cross opens its nation-wide campaign for funds with which to carry on its humanitarian work. It is the only national appeal authorized this year by the Dominion Gov. and the reason for this is that, under the Geneva Convention, the Red Cross cannot accept financial assistance from the Government. It must rely entirely on voluntary contributions, and failure to do so would immediately jeopardize its reciprocal arrangements with other countries, particularly enemy nations. Interchange of information regarding prisoners-of-war, for example, would probably stop; so would all correspondence between the prisoners and their families, and—most important of all—the sending of food parcels and comforts. When it is recalled that the Canadian Red Cross during the past year has despatched, via Geneva, 40,000 food parcels a week to British and Canadian prisoners-of-war in Germany, the importance of maintaining the voluntary character of the organization will be realized.

The Legionaire has been glad on many occasions in the past to contribute the fine work of the Canadian Red Cross and takes pleasure in endorsing its forthcoming campaign. As Canadian Legion Branches and Women's Auxiliaries will have no War Services appeal to work for this year, we urge them to take a special interest in the Red Cross appeal and support it to the utmost of their ability.

WHAT WILL 1942 BE? LONDON—(CP)—Net expenditure of the Navy in 1940 was \$384,162,378 according to the Naval Appropriation account for that year of war activities.

Believes Chances of Victory Have Grown in Recent Months Though Prediction Made 'In Darkest Period', Thorson Sees Ultimate Success

Crediting China, Russia and the United States for what he believed was the improved position of the United Nations, War Services Minister Thorson recently told the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross he saw ultimate victory more certain today than six months ago.

He admitted such a statement came "in the darkest period of our history," but believed, in all sincerity, that chances of victory had increased in recent months.

Ultimate victory seemed more certain now because of the greatness of the Russians, the courage of the Chinese and the initiative and determination of 140,000,000 Americans.

"I can see no outcome other than victory if each nation, each community makes an all-out effort. "No war effort can be all-out unless the individual citizen makes it so. Upon him depends the intensity of the community, the national and the over-all Allied effort."

A great deal of the individual's effort necessarily had to be voluntary, undertaking work which could not be done by the Government.

A most important part of this individual voluntary effort should be directed considering the welfare of the fighting man before that of self.

They also tried to tell how it felt

The Government provided all the needs of the troops in military establishment, and the welfare of the men when on leave was the business of civilians.

"You are under a moral obligation to show deep interest in and concern for the welfare of fighting men on leave in your communities. "That is a job which can be carried out only on a personal basis by all civilians."

Lauds Red Cross Then dealing directly with the voluntary war service of the Canadian Red Cross, Mr. Thorson said it was attaining humanity's highest objective.

He spoke of the Red Cross blood donor service, parcels for prisoners and supplies for bombed-out civilians in Britain.

Last year the Red Cross asked for \$5,000,000, the public subscribing \$6,000,000. This year, believed the Minister, the organization's \$9,000,000 objective again would be over-subscribed.

Mr. Thorson was introduced by Jackson Dodds, chairman of the Central Council of the Red Cross, and thanked by Mr. Justice J. H. Gordon, K. O., chairman of the executive committee.

Ottawa delegates attending the council's annual meeting were Tom Moore, G. J. Desbarats and Mrs. O. D. Howe.

"In the big camp at Sulmona, where we stayed, prisoners translated Italian newspapers into English and published their own news bulletin.

"But we had to get our news by reading between the lines," he explained. Items confiscated from parcels now discovered, to their amusement, that the Italian newspapers have been praising "the terrific resistance of our heroic troops in East Africa" three months after Gondar, the last Italian stronghold in Ethiopia, fell.

Some Italian soldiers who worked about the camps had been in the United States, but had been deported or had been conscripted while home on visits.

"They could speak English, and most of them were quite kind," one Briton said. "I gathered that none of them thought much of the war."

Several prisoners said that Canadians ought to be told how much their Red Cross packages had helped. Although there were at first many difficulties in reaching the prisoners, and although some men heard nothing for months, the Red Cross letters and parcels came frequently and were a godsend.

"I don't know what we'd have done without those parcels," one sergeant said. One difficulty was that the back of

prisoners were trying to build up a food reserve, punctured all tinmed goods before they distributed the Red Cross parcels. The contents were still usable, however, if eaten before the hot climate did its work.

Except for two musters a day the men had little to do. The Germans in Libya do everything possible to induce men to work, but the Italians use only volunteers. Prisoners who had been teachers before the war gave lessons in French and Italian, and in subjects such as wireless, but lack of technical books was a great handicap.

"It was bearable, but we're certainly glad to be out." That is the consensus of "the men who came east of Rome, where most of these men had been imprisoned, was built during the last days of the first Great War. It consists of brick huts. Eighty men were kept in each hut. Daily issues included two meals, five cigarettes and one lira in cash, but payments were not always prompt.

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