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APPEAL FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

Yesterday morning the captains of 77 districts of the city being canvassed for the Winnipeg Patriotic Fund began their campaign, which they intend to make a thorough and comprehensive one. At 12.30 p.m. today the chairmen of the several districts will meet at the Industrial Bureau, when the first reports will be presented.

The general committee in charge has issued the following circular appeal:

WINNIPEG PATRIOTIC FUND THE WAR

WE MUST ALL SERVE AT HOME OR AT THE FRONT

"There are families by thousands, far too proud to beg or speak,
And they'll put their sticks and bedding 'up the spout,'
And they'll live on half of nothing paid their regular once a week,
Cause the man that earned the wage is ordered out.
He's an absent minded beggar, but he heard his country's call,
And his regiment didn't need to send to find him,
He checked his job and joined it, so the job before us all,
Is to help the home that Tommy's left behind him."
—Kipling.

THE EMPIRE APPEALS TO YOU. DO YOUR PART.

The Bureau Committee of One Hundred has organized

"THE WINNIPEG PATRIOTIC FUND."

(1) In aid of relatives and dependents of soldiers who have gone or who may go on active service.

(2) For the relief of distress arising from unemployment caused by the war.

This is a kindred association with the Canadian Patriotic Fund but under local control.

There are just two classes in Canada today.

First, those who under war-time conditions are not able to provide themselves with the necessaries and decencies of living:

Second, those who are.

Everyone, without exception, of the latter class, is in duty bound to aid the first, whatever the sacrifice involved.

Let no man, woman or child in Winnipeg shirk this duty.

To encourage further enlistment we must let our men see that their families will be cared for. We need more men for the front.

This is not charity. It is duty. No relative of a soldier loses self-respect by relying on this fund.

Our men sacrifice life and limb. Let us sacrifice our comforts and luxuries. It is the least we can do.

Let us see that the vacant place in the household is not filled by the spectre of want.

The present appeal for contributions to The Winnipeg Patriotic Fund, is being made to provide moneys, primarily for the families of our soldiers who are going to fight our battles. Other cases of necessity arising from war causes will likewise be dealt with.

We must take the places of the breadwinners who are sacrificing themselves for us. Also we may have widows and orphans, and men permanently crippled, to look after, so a very large fund is absolutely necessary. We need a great many very substantial subscriptions. \$1,000,000 is aimed at for the year. Every subscription helps, large or small.

Give us as much as you can. Be sure to give something. It will make you an actual partner with those at the front.

THE PLAN OF THIS CAMPAIGN.

Representatives will call on every home and place of business. They will ask you to make a monthly contribution for the period of one year. Subscription cards will be furnished for the purpose. Send all moneys to the Secretary of the Fund regularly each month, because those in need must have their money promptly.

A Committee will investigate each case for relief and apply the fund in accordance with genuine needs. Not a cent will be wasted. The records of the militia authorities will be used in aid of this phase of the work.

BE READY WHEN YOU ARE CALLED ON. THIS IS THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.