

POST WAR WORK  
OF THE  
*Manitoba Red Cross*

AND RED CROSS

*Appeal to the Veterans*

FOR THE

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

JUNE 5 - 11, 1921



**RESOLUTION BY PROVINCIAL  
COMMAND DEALING WITH  
RED CROSS CAMPAIGN**

"Whereas we, the members of the Great War Veterans' Association, Manitoba Command, in conference assembled, having heard with interest the exposition of the work of the Canadian Red Cross Society as a peace time organization, for the improvement of health, prevention of disease, and mitigation of suffering, and especially as particularly applied to the Province of Manitoba;

Resolve, that the members of this Association give their united and cordial support to the Red Cross Society in its forthcoming efforts to increase public interest in their cause."

**DUTY IN TIME OF WAR**

The purpose of the Canadian Red Cross Society shall be:

1. To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war.
2. In time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease, and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world.

—Charter of Canadian Red Cross Society.

**PEACE TIME DUTY**

"The first duty of the Society and each Branch shall be to continue and complete the war work of the society."

—Declaration of Policy by Central Council Canadian Red Cross Society.

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In laying the plans for the Membership Enrollment Campaign to be carried out during the week of June 5th-11th, it is felt that this brief summary of Red Cross work and plans for returned men and the families of soldiers will be valuable as information to those citizens of the Province who wore the uniform of the King during the years 1914-1918.

### Manitoba Red Cross Expenditures Growing Out of the War During 1920

Providing Comforts for soldiers in hospitals .....	\$27,781.16
Red Cross Lodge—Tuxedo Hospital .....	8,145.65
Winnipeg Beach Convalescent Home .....	3,345.11
Transportation and care of wounded soldiers sent to other climates for restoration .....	4,170.19
Assistance and care given soldiers and their families while travelling....	3,057.75
Emergency Relief and miscellaneous expense .....	9,821.54
Total .....	\$56,221.40

The sister Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta which are conducting their Membership Enrollments

Campaigns simultaneously with Manitoba have also given and are continuing to give wide-spread and extensive service in ministering to the need of wounded soldiers and soldiers dependents. The annual report of these societies indicates an expenditure in Saskatchewan during the year ending September 30th, 1920, of \$12,973.83 not including administration expenses and Alberta Red Cross during 1920 expended the sum of \$27,088.91.

The above facts are brought to your attention merely that the returned men may realize that the material resources of the Red Cross still have the call of the returned soldiers as the first charge upon them.

At the last annual meeting of the Manitoba Red Cross it was stated that "the most impelling interest in Red Cross today lies within the domain of the Hospitals' Committee, charged with the provision of comforts for soldier patients in hospitals," and in the same report it was intimated that the Red Cross in this department of its service would find a field for activity for many years to come. The Manitoba Red Cross maintains an active bureau for co-operation and assistance in each of

the Military Hospitals of the Province; maintains the Red Cross Lodge and all of the recreation features of hospital life at Tuxedo Military Hospital; provides assistance and comforts for the nursing sisters in all of the hospitals, and during the summer months has given every soldier patient able to make the journey not less than two weeks vacation at the Winnipeg Beach Convalescent Home. The following letter received from Maj. Gen. Ketchen, G.O.C., M.D. 10, speaks for itself:

"On the closing of your Home for the season, I cannot refrain telling you how grateful the sick and wounded are to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the many benefits derived while patients at Winnipeg Beach this past summer. Your institution has been a home from home to many and has been most satisfactory managed, thus reflecting great credit on your local organization.

"The patients have shown marked improvement while enjoying the outdoor change, and their view point has been so brightened that many are now encouraged, on leaving hospital, to encounter life's problems with confidence and with hope. The Convalescent Home of the Canadian Red Cross Society at Winnipeg Beach is but one of the many practical adjuncts aiding restoration to health and happiness which the military forces owe 'to the way' of the 'Red Cross.'

"Please accept my heartfelt thanks."

On January 1st, 1921, there were 646 wounded soldiers still patients in Manitoba Military Hospitals.

During the last year the work of the Convalescent Soldiers Committee

was of the utmost assistance in providing transportation and maintenance for Convalescent soldiers whose recovery in the opinion of the military medical authorities would be assisted by a change of climate or special treatment which could not be received in Manitoba. This committee and its work received the co-operation on occasions of the Great War Veterans' Association.

Small, only in the extent of its financial cost, but of the utmost assistance in the value of the work done, was the activity of the Home Coming Committee, which represented the Red Cross in the welcome given to the members of the Canadian forces and their families on their return from Overseas. Through this committee, although the expenditure does not show in the account for 1920, transportation expenses were provided for all of the wives of soldiers attending the educational short courses in Winnipeg, Dauphin, Brandon, and Portage la Prairie, during the early months of 1921.

Commencing with the year 1921, all of the work of the Red Cross having to do with the re-habilitation of returned soldiers who were not actually in military hospital, has been consolidated under one committee, the War Service Committee and if the reports of this Committee's work during 1921 were available they would detail wonderful stories of help extended when help was most needed. Relief was freely given during the winter months and some idea of the activities of this committee may be gleaned from the fact that an average of over 50 cases per week came before the committee for attention.

#### THE RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

The Red Cross Membership Enrollment to be carried out during the week of June 5th, 11th, is our part

of a similar and simultaneous canvass to secure universal membership in the Red Cross, being carried out this spring in each of the 31 countries, members of the League of Red Cross Societies. In this Campaign no emphasis is being laid on the war records of the Red Cross or the war legacy of the Red Cross, which is still the first and paramount duty of the Society. The purpose of the Membership Enrollment is to bring to the attention of all people the broad and comprehensive peace programme which the Red Cross has undertaken throughout the world. This peace programme has been urged upon Red Cross because it is realized that no other agency or organization combines the sentimental interest of the peoples of all nations without respect to race or boundary, as does the Red Cross and that no other agency can accomplish so much as this one to bring about in each and every country the mutual feeling of fellowship and sympathy which is so essential to the well being of humanity and necessary if the peace of the world is to be maintained. The Red Cross has, therefore, embarked on this universal mission for "the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering through the world."

This is not a campaign for money but a campaign for membership and understanding. Membership in the Red Cross involves an annual fee of \$1.00 and the payment of this dollar is the only—and incidental—financial aspect of the Enrollment.

The money secured from these Membership fees in Canada will be largely retained in the Provinces and so far as possible in each district and will be used to carry out the work of the Red Cross in the district in which it is given.

The Red Cross has the enthusiastic support of the Veterans Organization in Manitoba, and its most active assistants in the present campaign are those officers of the Veterans Organizations who have personal knowledge of the amount of essential help given to returned men since they came back from France.

### SOLDIERS!

As a returned soldier you have knowledge of what the Red Cross Emblem means in the fullest sense of the word. You know what it did for you and your comrades in time of war. The Red Cross now appeals to you to support and help it in order that it may continue to render to the whole public that service which it gave to the soldiers on the battlefield.

Will you, therefore, be among the first to enroll as a member of the Red Cross during the week of June 5th next? Will you not go further and endeavor to secure the enrollment of all those with whom you come in contact? Won't you become an active worker to further the course of the Red Cross? Identify yourself with any Red Cross Committee which may be created in your community and lose no opportunity to urge from a standpoint of your experience the wisdom in helping the Red Cross to "carry on."

Remember, that while carrying on its peace work the Red Cross will be maintained in a state of complete organization and preparedness ready to proceed instantly should Canada ever again be called to arms, whereas in 1914 all the work of organization had to be re-created with the result that in the great war it was not until 1918 that the Canadian Red Cross reached the full stride of its efficiency in operation.