

NEARLY \$10,000 IS SUBSCRIBED TO XMAS FUND

Controllers to Ask C'ty Council to Subscribe \$5,000—7,000 Families Will Benefit

Between \$9,000 and \$10,000 of the \$50,000 aimed at has been collected by the Citizens' Christmas Fund Campaign officials for the purpose of providing families of Winnipeg soldiers at war with presents at Christmas.

The City of Winnipeg will give \$5,000 toward the fund. The board of control, on recommendation of Mayor Davidson, decided to ask the city council Monday evening to make this contribution. Approximately 7,000 families will be affected by the campaign scheme, or 3,000 more than last year. The city gave \$2,500 in 1916 to the fund.

"I believe no difficulty will be experienced in raising the \$50,000," Mayor Davidson declared at the board meeting. The general committee held a conference in the city hall at 11:30 o'clock. It received reports and made several suggestions to help the collectors.

Among the contributions received to date are: Alexander Macdonald, \$100; proceeds of Alhambra dance, \$307.50; J. H. Ashdown, \$10; Mrs. W. Wright, 10; Alaska Bedding Company, \$50; Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company, \$25; proceeds patriotic tournament of the Winnipeg Tennis League, \$100; William Martin, \$25; Winnipeg Athletic Patriotic Association, \$500; Archbishop Sinnett, \$50; 203rd Battalion auxiliary, \$50; Mulock, Armstrong and Lindsay, \$75.

Greenwood Methodist church Sunday school has abandoned its usual Christmas tree celebration, and will devote its energies to the interests of the fund.

A. E. Boyle, of the board of trade, announced that an Austrian interned in an Ontario camp turned over \$61 due him in Winnipeg to the work.

The Winnipeg theatre audiences have contributed \$500. Collections will be continued at that playhouse today and Saturday.