

# WIFE OF SOLDIER IS TURNED ADRIFT

She and Her Baby Promptly  
Aided by Patriotic Fund  
Workers

NEW HOME WITHIN HOUR

Doctor's Provision for Child,  
Who Developed Diphtheria,  
Evokes Letter of Grati-  
tude From Parent

One of the saddest cases which has come to the attention of the relief committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was furnished yesterday, when a young wife carrying a small baby appeared at the headquarters in the Drummond Building, and announced between sobs that she had been turned out on the street by her sister-in-law, with whom she had been living. Although her husband had gone to the front, she had not, until this time, made application for assistance from the fund. A brief investigation disclosed the truth of the story, as one of the lady visitors knew something regarding the family. It was evident, moreover, that this was a case in which prompt action was necessary, and if further information were required, it would be as well to collect it after the woman and her baby had been provided for, as there was no question of her husband having joined the first contingent.

Accordingly, the rooming list was consulted, and it was discovered that another of the beneficiaries of the fund had expressed a willingness to board a mother and child. A prominent member of the volunteer corps of workers immediately undertook to handle the matter, and within less than three-quarters of an hour after the young wife had made her application at the office, the telephone rang to say that she had been placed in a home where she and the baby would receive every attention from a motherly woman, who in turn would be helped by the addition to her income which she would receive. The board of the wife and child was paid for a week in advance, by which time it is expected that the woman will be receiving the regular Government allowance from Ottawa.

Applications for relief by the families of those who have been sworn in for the second contingent continue to be received, but the influx of applicants is not so great at this time as was anticipated. Yesterday 16 applications were received, and on Tuesday 17 applied.

1,227 APPLICATIONS IN ALL.

There was a large attendance of the workers at the regular meeting of the ward leaders yesterday afternoon, and several additional volunteers were enrolled for the work, bringing the total number of visitors up to 420. The report of the secretary showed that there are at present 100 families who have been supplied with coal at cost price, that since the beginning of the work 102 maternity cases have received attention, that 79 have made use of the rooming list, that 40 adults and 44 children have received transportation to Great Britain, and that altogether there have been 1,227 applications, all of which have been investigated, and the majority of which have been granted.

The care of the families does not end with the fortnightly donation of money, as is shown by a letter received from a mother in the East End, warmly thanking the committee for the promptness with which a doctor was provided when a child became sick. Later, it developed that the little one had diphtheria, and arrangements were immediately made for its removal to a hospital. Letters were also received yesterday from a woman who, in thanking the secretary, announced her safe arrival among friends in Northamptonshire, and from the mother of another who had been helped to make her way back to her former home at Greenock, Scotland.

Rufus D. Smith, secretary of the Charity Organization Society, attended the meeting at headquarters yesterday afternoon, and addressed the ladies on a number of subjects the knowledge of which would be helpful to them in their work. Among the matters which he discussed were the problem of the young woman worker, the general difficulties arising from unemployment, the questions evoked by the presence in Montreal of such a large element of alien population, and the laws regarding wife desertion and illegitimacy.