

# CITY RELIEF ORGANIZED

## All Arrangements Made to Handle Applications

Yesterday afternoon in the committee's rooms at 104 Drummond Building was held the first regular meeting of the relief committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, Montreal branch. There were present Messrs. Clarence F. Smith, Hon. Dr. J. J. Guerin, H. B. Ames, M.P., Rufus L. Smith, Lt.-Col. F. M. Cole, Mr. Dabocke, representing the Belgian Society, Mr. Tortelt, representing the French Society, Rev. Canon Renaud, D. S. Freedman, G. Franco, Mrs. E. B. Busted, Mrs. J. A. Henderson and Mrs. Warren. Mr. A. Rough acted as secretary.

A thorough discussion was entered into as to the best possible manner of distributing the funds. It was explained at the meeting that all donations were sent to the headquarters of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa, whence they would afterwards be disbursed to the various branches, as needs required.

Up to the present one hundred and fifty applications for relief have been registered with the Montreal branch, the most urgent of which have received temporary assistance. The question of visiting and investigating the registration of applicants came up and it was suggested by the chairman that Mrs. E. B. Busted, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Warren be requested to call a meeting of all the different women's societies in the city for the purpose of forming one organization to co-operate with the relief committee in their work.

It was decided that the relief committee would until further notice hold meetings on Mondays and Thursdays of each week in the committee room at 4 p.m.

Mr. Clarence F. Smith was elected vice-chairman of the committee and will devote a part of his time each day to the general work. Mr. Smith offered free of charge to the ladies accommodation in Goodwin's Limited for a sewing room. He also stated that material could be bought in the store at cost price.

The committee returned thanks to R. W. Reford for furniture donated; to Renaud, King and Patterson for chairs; to the Drummond Estate for their magnificent gift of office quarters, in the Drummond Building; to the Bell Telephone Co. for free telephone service; and to Mr. Wm. Hall for a typewriter. The office, which is situated at 104 Drummond Building, will be open from 9 to 5 p.m. for general business. The registration hours will be from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m.