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Canadian Aid to Russia
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Statement of Present and Future Activities

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**MINUTES of a General Meeting of the Members of CANADIAN AID TO
RUSSIA FUND held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on
Thursday, the 15th day of April, 1943, at the hour of
5.30 o'clock in the afternoon.**

The following Members were present:

Frank W. Bedard, Ottawa, Ont.	J. S. McLean, Toronto, Ont.
W. J. Blackburn, London, Ont.	Chief Just. E. A. McPherson, Winnipeg, Man.
E. R. C. Bower, Hamilton, Ont.	J. R. Millman, Chatham, Ont.
Jack Creed, Toronto, Ont.	H. Okulewich, Toronto, Ont.
Senator W. R. Davies, Kingston, Ont.	H. P. Robinson, Saint John, N.B.
T. F. Drummie, Saint John, N.B.	H. H. Selkirk, Toronto, Ont.
M. Dushnitsky, Toronto, Ont.	Clifford Sifton, Toronto, Ont.
Miss Kathleen Gorrie, Hamilton, Ont.	Victor Sifton, Winnipeg, Man.
Miss Margaret Gould, Toronto, Ont.	H. F. Skey, Toronto, Ont.
Mrs. Maude Grant, Toronto, Ont.	R. S. Skinner, Chesley, Ont.
F. H. Leslie, Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mrs. Maude Stephens, Toronto, Ont.
V. H. Longstaffe, New Liskeard, Ont.	Mr. Justice L. P. D. Tilley, Saint John, N.B.
Dr. N. A. M. McKenzie, Fredericton, N.B.	Dr. Paul Weil, Montreal, Que.
D. W. McCormick, Galt, Ont.	W. T. G. Wiener, Ottawa, Ont.
B. L. McLean, Lindsay, Ont.	P. Zivanovich, Kearns, Ont.

The following subscribers were also present:

Mr. A. R. Alloway, Oshawa, Ont.	Nick Mitchell, Toronto, Ont.
Mrs. Fannie Barrett, Toronto, Ont.	Elizabeth Morton, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. John Boychuk, Toronto, Ont.	Daisy Moyston, Toronto, Ont.
Senator W. A. Buchanan, Lethbridge, Alta.	Jan A. Mracek, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. Karel Buzak, Toronto, Ont.	Monica Mugan, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. R. M. Cantlon, Saskatoon, Sask.	Barbara Mundy, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. Kenneth Drury, Victoria, B.C.	Michael Mutzak, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. W. Dutkiewicz, Toronto, Ont.	L. V. Patterson, Hamilton, Ont.
Lt.-Col. T. C. Evans, Toronto, Ont.	Geo. Phelps, Toronto, Ont.
Mrs. G. Goldstein, Toronto, Ont.	L. Phelps, Toronto, Ont.
D. Green, Toronto, Ont.	L. Poldoff, Toronto, Ont.
Boris Hambourg, Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Katherine Preston, Georgetown, Ont.
John F. Hansen, Ottawa, Ont.	R. J. Rankin, Halifax, N.S.
D. R. Harrison, Port Arthur, Ont.	Clayton Schauss, Chesley, Ont.
J. P. Kenney, Ottawa, Ont.	Mrs. S. Sherchet, Toronto, Ont.
Mrs. S. LaPedes, Toronto, Ont.	O. L. Spencer, Vancouver, B.C.
John Linton, Toronto, Ont.	D. Swan, Brampton, Ont.
William Lord, Winnipeg, Man.	Mervyn Taylor, Toronto, Ont.
Phillip Lysets, Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Paul Weil, Montreal, Que.
W. A. MacDonald, Edmonton, Alta.	E. E. Zaludsky, Toronto, Ont.
I. Malania, Toronto, Ont.	

The following special Guests were also present:

Hon Feodor Gousev,
Minister Plenipotentiary from the U.S.S.R. to Canada;
Sergei M. Koudriavtzev,
First Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Legation.
Ivan I. Krotov,
Commercial Attache to the U.S.S.R. Legation;
all of Ottawa, Ontario.

The President and National Chairman, Mr. J. S. McLean, acted as Chairman. The Secretary, Mrs. P. L. Hobbs, acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

PRESIDENT J. S. McLEAN'S ADDRESS

The President and National Chairman then addressed the meeting and his Address is set forth verbatim on pages 9 to 12.

It was moved by Mr. J. S. McLean and seconded by Mr. Victor Sifton, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and unanimously resolved:

That the Statement by the President and National Chairman be received and approved.

HON. DANA WILGRESS, CANADIAN MINISTER TO U.S.S.R.—

CABLE

The President and National Chairman then read to the meeting a cable from the Hon. Dana Wilgress, which is set forth on pages 12 to 13.

HON. FEODOR GOUSEV, U.S.S.R. MINISTER TO CANADA—

STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The President and National Chairman then read to the meeting the letter from the Hon. Feodor Gousev, which is set forth on page 13.

STATEMENT ON ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Mr. H. H. Selkirk, the Director of Promotion, then read to the meeting the statement which is set forth verbatim on pages 14 to 18.

Whereupon a brief discussion ensued, after which it was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved:

That Mr. Selkirk's Statement on Organization and Promotion be received and approved.

MR. HARVEY F. SKEY, TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Mr. Harvey F. Skey, the National Treasurer, then submitted to the meeting the Treasurer's Statement which is set forth on pages 19 to 36 and pointed out the main features appearing therein.

A short discussion ensued, which largely consisted of expressions of satisfaction with the results attained.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved:

That the Treasurer's Report be received and approved.

MR. J. CREED'S ONTARIO DONATED CLOTHING REPORT

Mr. J. Creed, of Toronto, then submitted to the meeting the report of the Ontario Donated Clothing, which is set forth on pages 37 to 38 and pointed out the main features appearing therein.

A short discussion ensued in which very great satisfaction was expressed with the surprising results attained as disclosed by Mr. Creed's report. Mr. Creed and his associates were particularly commended for their excellent work.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously resolved:

That Mr. J. Creed's Ontario Donated Clothing Report be received and approved.

MRS. B. A. VICTOR'S MANITOBA CLOTHING REPORT

Mrs. B. A. Victor's Donated Clothing Report, which is set forth on page 39 to 40, was placed in the hands of all present but was not discussed in detail.

Chief Justice McPherson, Chairman of the Manitoba Provincial Committee, however, pointed out that Mrs. Victor's report covered the donated clothing collected and shipped from Winnipeg, Manitoba, but that this clothing was received, not only from the Province of Manitoba, but from that part of Ontario lying west of Lake Superior and part of the Province of Saskatchewan.

MR. P. AIVAZOFF'S DONATED CLOTHING REPORT

Mr. P. Aivazoff's Donated Clothing Report, which is set forth on page 41, was placed in the hands of all present but was not discussed in detail.

It was, however, pointed out that Mr. Aivazoff's report covered the donated clothing collected and shipped from British Columbia and Alberta.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES

Mr. J. Wilkinson of Burlington, Ontario, then raised the question of further activities to be carried on by the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund at present and for the future.

Mr. H. Okulewich, Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation of Russian Canadians, asked the meeting to consider the following questions:

1. That the educational work of this organization be continued now that the campaign for Funds is officially closed;
2. That the campaign for the collection of seeds be undertaken; and
3. That plans be made for the observance of the 22nd June, which is the second anniversary of the invasion of the U.S.S.R. by Germany.

The President and National Chairman reported that the question of the observance of the 22nd June as the second anniversary of the invasion of the U.S.S.R. by Germany had been considered by the Board of Directors' Executive Committee at two meetings and that the Executive Committee had decided that an exchange of greetings with the U.S.S.R. should be made at that time.

The President and National Chairman pointed out that a National Seed Committee is in existence under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. T. G. Wiener, that considerable activity had already taken place, that Mr. Wiener's report will be presented later during this meeting and that the Board of Directors had approved an appropriation of \$250,000.00 to be expended for the purchase and shipment of seeds upon the advice of the Seed Committee during the present seed production season.

Mr. J. Wilkinson of Burlington moved that the educational aspects of the campaign be continued until such time as a new financial campaign is launched but this motion was not seconded.

The suggestion was made from the floor that in view of the Government regulations governing activities of charitable organizations like those of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund and on account of the impossibility of foreseeing the conditions which would prevail from time to time in the future, the question of future activities is one which must be decided from time to time in the light of conditions and opportunities as they eventuate and that this is a matter which can only be dealt with satisfactorily by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, who are free to meet frequently.

Mr. I. Malania, of the Federation of Russian Canadians, addressed the meeting and declared that he (and presumably some of his associates), was of the opinion that it would be most unsatisfactory to leave the conduct of the further activities of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund to the Directors and to the Executive and that these future activities should be here and now discussed and settled and, if necessary, that the meeting should adjourn to reconvene later in the evening for this purpose.

At this point in the discussion the President and National Chairman expressed regret at the lateness of the hour but expressed also his willingness to make himself available for an adjourned meeting later in the evening if it should be the opinion of those present that the meeting should be adjourned and reconvened later in the evening.

The President and National Chairman pointed out that there was present as a guest the Hon. Feodor Gousev, U.S.S.R. Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada, and that the President felt that those present would wish to request Mr. Gousev to address the meeting and that for this purpose the discussion with regard to "Further Activities" might take place after Mr. Gousev's address.

HON. F. GOUSEV'S ADDRESS

The President and National Chairman invited the Hon. F. Gousev, Minister Plenipotentiary from the U.S.S.R. to Canada, who attended the meeting as a guest, to address the meeting.

Mr. Gousev obligingly consented and presented an address which is set forth verbatim on pages 49 to 51.

MR. W. T. G. WIENER'S NATIONAL SEED COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Mr. W. T. G. Wiener, of Ottawa, then submitted to the meeting the National Seed Committee Statement, which is set forth verbatim on pages 42 to 44, and pointed out the main features appearing therein.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved:

That Mr. W. T. G. Wiener's Report be received and approved.

JOHN LINTON'S STATEMENT ON PURCHASES AND SHIPPING

Mr. John Linton, Director of Purchasing and Shipping, then submitted to the meeting his Statement on Purchases and Shipping, which is set forth verbatim on pages 44 to 48, and pointed out the main features appearing therein.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved:

That Mr. John Linton's Statement be received and approved.

U.S.S.R. EMBASSY STATEMENT OF GOODS SHIPPED FROM SEABOARD

The President and National Chairman then laid before the meeting the statement on shipments of Canadian Aid to Russia Fund goods from Seaboard to Russia, which statement is set forth verbatim on pages 48.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. F. W. Bedard, Chairman of the Ottawa Committee of the Fund, then addressed the meeting shortly, at the conclusion of which he moved:

That the meeting hereby tender its deep appreciation to Mr. J. S. McLean, President and National Chairman, and to Mr. Clifford Sifton, Vice-Chairman, and to the National Executive for their services in organizing the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund and conducting its activities with such remarkable success.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Justice L. P. D. Tilley, Chairman of the New Brunswick Committee of the Fund, in a few appropriate remarks.

The motion was unanimously carried.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES

The discussion with regard to further activities to be carried on by Canadian Aid to Russia Fund was then resumed and it was moved and seconded:

That the future activities of the Fund be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors and that the present meeting adjourn.

The above motion was discussed and the opinion was expressed that any persons present who entertained the opinion that the future activities of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund should not be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors but should, on the contrary, be settled by the present meeting, might vote against the motion and that in this manner the opinion of the meeting as to the desirability of continuing the discussion of this subject could be had.

The President and National Chairman expressed deepest regret that the lateness of the hour seemed to place some obstacles in the way of the fullest possible discussion by the present meeting of the future activities of the Fund; he reported to the meeting that the Board of Directors had, at their meeting, held immediately before the present Members' meeting, commenced to consider this very subject and that the meeting of Directors would reconvene at 2.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Toronto Daily Star Building the following day, Friday, for a further consideration of this subject.

Dr. Paul Weil suggested that all persons present who cared to discuss this matter further should attend the reassembled meeting of the Board of Directors for that purpose and the Present and National Chairman formally invited all persons interested to attend said meeting.

The opinion was expressed that the President and National Chairman's invitation would appropriately meet the present situation.

Mr. Okulewich expressed his concurrence in the leaving of the future activities in the hands of the Directors and Executive and withdrew his request for further discussion at the present meeting.

The motion was thereupon put to a vote and Messrs. I. Malania and M. Mitchell voted against the resolution and all others present voted in favour of the resolution.

The meeting then adjourned at 7.40 p.m.

(Sgd.) J. S. McLEAN,
Chairman.

(Sgd.) P. L. HOBBS,
Secretary.

J. S. McLEAN

Chairman's Statement

The Canadian Aid to Russia Fund was launched in October, 1942. It was organized in response to a demand from all parts of Canada that something should be done to recognize our obligations to the Russian people. For more than a year, Russia had been engaging almost the full strength of the German Army, thus giving her Allies a sorely needed opportunity to gather their strength. This vital service to the Allies was being performed at a terrific cost to the Red Army and to the civilian population throughout the Soviet Union. Canadians felt they *must* do something to express their gratitude and sympathy in a practical form.

The organization of the Fund and the plans for the campaign were authorized by Mr. Justice Davis, Deputy Minister of the Department of National War Services. From Justice Davis we received most helpful advice regarding incorporation and other details. The Minister of National War Services, the Hon. Major General LaFleche, from the beginning, took a keen interest in the Fund, and at certain stages during the organization period lent invaluable aid.

The scope of this report does not permit a step-by-step recital as to the manner in which the framework of the organization was built up. Reference, however, must be made to the gracious response received from those who were asked to accept sponsorship for the Fund. These included the Lieutenant Governors and their wives, the Heads of the Churches, the Chief Justice of Canada and Miss Duff.

At a later stage in the campaign the Churches again lent invaluable aid. On January 24th an announcement supporting the Fund was made in almost every Church in Canada.

By permit of the Department of National War Services, the campaign was authorized for the months of December, 1942, and January, 1943. After a good deal of discussion, the objective was set at one million dollars. There was some feeling that this sum was high, and for a time a lower objective was considered.

The Department of National War Services stipulated that the form of appeal should be by general publicity and not a person-to-person canvass. For this reason our first efforts were directed towards securing the support of newspapers, also of the radio and moving picture industries. The response from all three was beyond expectation and probably beyond precedent. It is felt that no campaign in Canada ever had such generous support from newspapers, radio and cinema alike.

Almost every leading Daily in Canada gave generous, and continuous support. It would therefore be invidious to single out an individual name, except that all would wish to pay tribute to the Toronto Star which, in addition to generous contribution of its own space, set aside special writers, whose material was distributed to all newspapers throughout Canada. This was done, not in the name of the Star, but of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

Letters of thanks have already been sent to newspaper editors and to the heads of the radio and motion picture industries. But a final word of appreciation must be added in this report for the promptness and generosity with which our appeals for assistance were met. This had much to do with the speed at which the Campaign gathered momentum.

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The next step was the organization of Committees, Provincial and Local. It is a pleasure that a few of our Provincial Chairmen are present at this meeting. I very much regret it was not possible for all of them to come. I should think that no campaign in Canada ever had a more effective or devoted group of Provincial Chairmen.

This effectiveness and devotion carried through to the Local Committees. The time for organization was short. Only the high spots could be touched. Moreover, there was little opportunity for the groundwork which ordinarily precedes a major campaign.

The effectiveness of the work done is indicated by the results. As against the objective of one million dollars, contributions were three million dollars. Almost every Committee, Provincial and Local, did its share in this phenomenal result. As between the Provinces, it is almost impossible to select that which did the best. Each in turn seems the best as one reviews its performance.

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A special feature was the assistance given by distinguished persons from the United States. The campaign was launched by Mr. Wendell Willkie at a meeting in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, November 25th, 1942. The Hon. J. L. Ilsley acted as chairman and introduced Mr. Willkie. This was just after Mr. Willkie's return from his visit to the battlefronts. The attendance was 17,500. From every point of view it was one of the most successful meetings ever held in Toronto. The programme was broadcast across Canada, and the radio audience was very large.

At a later date, Mrs. Roosevelt graciously consented to visit Montreal for the purpose of making a broadcast in the interest of the Fund. The visit took place January 19th. After a day filled with notable events, Mrs. Roosevelt addressed a meeting which filled to capacity the largest auditorium in Montreal. Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced by the Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King. The audience numbered 12,000 persons, and the contributions resulting from the meeting were approximately \$100,000.00.

To the success of these two meetings an important contribution was made by Metropolitan artists. At the Toronto meeting Mr. Thomas L. Thomas sang two groups of songs, and at the Montreal meeting Mr. Lauritz Melchior sang two groups. In each case the artist came without fee as a tribute to Russia. They have the sincerest thanks of the Directors.

In the last week of the campaign Mr. Ben Robertson, formerly correspondent in Russia, of the New York Herald-Tribune, flew to Vancouver in the interest

of the Fund. There he did a series of broadcasts which resulted in a marked stepping-up of the flow of contributions.

At the time, Mr. Robertson was awaiting orders to leave for the North African area in the interests of his paper. Shortly afterwards he took passage on the ill-fated American Clipper which sank in the Tagus at Lisbon. Mr. Robertson was amongst the twenty-four who lost their lives. The news of this came as a deep grief to all of us who had met him on his visit to Canada. His was a very important contribution to the Canadian Aid to Russia campaign. His understanding of and sympathy for Russia made a deep impression on those of us who were privileged to meet him.

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I feel that two other subjects should have special mention.

The first is in regard to the Canadian Banks. These contributed generously to the Fund, but cash was their least contribution. In almost every case a Banker was Treasurer of the Committees, Provincial and Local. The sum total of the work done by these Treasurers was enormous. The number of contributors ran into the hundreds of thousands. All these contributions were handled with accuracy and forwarded without delay. One shudders to think of the confusion which might have occurred if the handling of the funds had been in the hands of less expert persons.

At Toronto, the banks made a further contribution of the highest value. In the organizing period, they lent valuable men, who visited the outlying towns for the purpose of setting up Committees. On a single day, thirty men left Toronto to establish Committees in Ontario towns and cities, and of these, twenty-one were bankers.

Secondly, in a campaign where so many did so much, I feel that special mention should be made of the work of the following persons:

Miss Margaret Gould, editorial writer of the Toronto Star, who, in addition to her regular work, directed publicity throughout the campaign;

Mr. Clifford Sifton, the Vice-Chairman, who from the beginning worked every day and almost every night;

Mr. Harvey F. Skey, the National Treasurer. When the campaign was launched, Mr. Skey had just begun a well-earned retirement from the Bank of Montreal. Without ever a complaint, he got together the Accounting Staff and supervised the enormous task of recording the contributions and dispatching the vouchers. I cannot find terms sufficient to express my gratitude to Mr. Skey for his devotion and patience;

Mr. Jack Creed, of Toronto, who single-handed organized and carried through the campaign in Ontario for new and used clothing. Mr. Creed's was perhaps the greatest single contribution, inasmuch as the value of the clothing already shipped is upward of one million dollars. A separate report has been made in respect of clothing;

Mr. H. H. Selkirk, Advertising Supervisor of the T. Eaton Co. Limited Toronto stores, who worked full time during the intensive period of the campaign, building and directing our Promotion Department. Mr. Selkirk's experience and devotion helped to turn to the advantage of the Fund the Christmas and New Year holidays which are ordinarily difficult periods for fund-raising. We are greatly indebted to the directors of the T. Eaton Company for making available to us Mr. Selkirk's valuable assistance and for other co-operation generously given to promote the Fund across the country.

One other factor calls for special mention, viz., the low cost of the campaign. In this we were extremely fortunate. All members of Committees everywhere served without fee. Not only was this the case, but a very large share of the organizing expenses was borne by our Committee members personally.

We had hoped that the total cost might be held within 1% of the sum collected. This hope turned out to be too optimistic. However, it seems a safe prediction that the total cost will be well below two per cent.

Scattered applications are still being received to authorize special events in aid of the Fund, and in most cases permits are granted. From such events funds will continue to come in, but it is not the policy of the National Committee at present to stimulate activities of this kind.

It is also proposed, on Mr. Creed's recommendation, to close the newspaper appeal for clothing at the end of April.

Attention of the Executive Committee is now centred almost wholly on the purchase and shipment of supplies. In this connection close contact is maintained with the members of the Russian Legation at Ottawa. No large purchases are made without their approval.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure supplies of the kind which are most needed. A full report will be submitted of supplies already shipped and contracted for.

The Russian Legation has seen to it that no delay has occurred in clearing shipments as they have reached seaboard.

Forty-four carloads, to a value of \$1,366,064.51, have already gone forward to seaboard.

J. S. McLEAN, Chairman.

HON. DANA WILGESS—Cable

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Retel Gould most gratified learn Canadian contributions relieve human suffering Russia Stop Invasion by Nazis some most productive regions Soviet Union has struck serious blow Soviet agricultural and industrial production despite magnificent work done transferring industries eastward Stop To help fill this gap is

moral responsibility other United Nations such as Canada still untouched by horrors of invasion Stop Since arrival here have been greatly impressed with way every scrap material every ounce energy devoted to defeating ruthless brutal enemy Stop Naturally this results shortages civilian goods such as clothing which will continue so long as national energies absorbed in helping defeat Nazis Stop Need is great and is challenge to us Stop I know Canadians will respond to challenge and continue already splendid efforts help gallant ally.

—DANA WILGRESS.

HON. FEODOR GOUSEV—Appreciation

LEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

285 Charlotte Street,
Telephone 5-4341
Ottawa, Ont., Canada.
April 14th, 1943.

Dear Mr. McLean,

I am greatly pleased to learn that the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund is near to \$3,000,000 and a great quantity of clothing is collected. I cordially congratulate you and members of the Committee on the remarkable success of the Campaign.

I esteem it an expression of sympathy with the struggle of the Soviet people and with sufferings this struggle imposes upon them.

It is now for more than twenty-one months the Red Army and the Soviet people have been fighting against the cruel and powerful enemy—Hitlerite Germany. During this time the battles have been raging from day to day, from night to night, without a lull, on the scale unprecedented in history. Enormous quantities of different war materials, food stuff, clothing, medical supplies are needed every day for the prosecution of the war. Millions of civilians fled from the approaching enemy leaving all their property. During the recent offensive the Red Army liberated thousands of populated places devastated and pillaged by the ruthless enemy. It is hardly necessary to tell how badly needed and how timely is the aid rendered by the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. The Soviet people are aware of this help and deeply appreciate it.

The spontaneous contributions coming from the bulk of the Canadian people through the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund will, I believe, greatly contribute to the friendship and mutual understanding between our two countries which is so essential in time of war and which will be no less important after the victory is won.

I feel greatly privileged to express on behalf of the Red Army and all the people of the Soviet Union their deep gratitude to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund to all who have taken part in organizing of this work and to all contributors to the Fund.

Wishing you further successes in your noble work, I remain,

“F. Gousev,”

Minister of the U.S.S.R.

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ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

LOCAL COMMITTEES

A total of 367 community groups collaborated with the national campaign for funds. Of this number, 252 were authorized by the national executive or provincial branches, to become permanent local committees. In 87 centres, the campaign was directed by voluntary citizens' organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs, boards of trade, Canadian Legion auxiliaries or community war service committees. In 30 cities and towns, the campaign was carried on by newspapers and radio stations. In some cities, newspapers alone were collecting agents for the Fund.

The authorized local committees of the Fund are distributed as follows:

Quebec.....	62
Ontario	79
British Columbia.....	50
Alberta.. . . .	4
Saskatchewan	5
Manitoba.	3
New Brunswick.. . . .	16
Nova Scotia.	29
Prince Edward Island	4
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CLOTHING COLLECTION

There are 1,249 community groups across the country working with the clothing collection division of the Fund. In 68 centres the clothing campaign is being conducted by special committees set up by the local branches of the Fund. In other centres, clothing for Russia is being collected by co-operating bodies such as township councils, churches, schools, fraternal and service clubs, Salvation Army groups, I.O.D.E. chapters, Women's Institute and Red Cross branches.

Three central depots, where clothing is baled and shipped, are located at:

Toronto—Receiving centre for Eastern Canada;

Winnipeg—Receiving centre for Manitoba and Saskatchewan;

Vancouver—Receiving centre for Alberta and British Columbia.

The Winnipeg and Vancouver clothing activities had begun almost a year prior to the organization of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, and joined it when it began to function.

The results achieved by the clothing division are detailed elsewhere in this report. Appreciation is here recorded of the splendid work done by the chairmen of the three provincial clothing departments. Thanks are also due to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways which have carried to the central depots, free of charge, the clothing contributions.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES

Most of the authorized committees set up various subcommittees such as:

- (a) Special Events—which arranged concerts, shows, athletic and sports events, mass meetings, balls, and other attractions by which money was raised.
- (b) Industrial—This subcommittee worked through trade unions, plant managers, or by direct contact in the shops and plants, secured the co-operation of business men and wage earners in behalf of the Fund.
- (c) Youth Committee—A special Youth Committee was organized in Toronto which was responsible for some very successful features of the campaign. Among them was an "Aid to Russia" day in the Toronto public schools, for which the Youth Committee secured the whole-hearted co-operation of the Toronto Board of Education; a Tag Day which was the most successful in the city's record of such money-raising efforts.

PRESS—RADIO—MOTION PICTURES

The generous co-operation of the press, radio and motion picture industries has made it possible to achieve our gratifying success. The record of such co-operation is as follows:

Press.—Of the English-speaking press, 69 dailies and 656 weeklies helped to conduct our campaign. Of the French press, eight dailies and 50 weeklies collaborated. Thus appeals for the Fund were carried to the people in the Dominion by 80 dailies and 706 weeklies.

In the two months of the campaign, the national office issued 66 releases of feature and editorial articles, totalling 1,200 column inches, together with 58 mats of photographs to illustrate such articles. About one-third of the co-operating papers used 90 per cent of the releases as sent; one-third used about half the material as it was issued and others made use of our material for rewrites and supplemented it with their own. The leading co-operating papers published lists of subscribers. This was also done by a considerable number of the weeklies which in some communities also received donations and in many ways contributed to the success of the drive. The most active newspapers, daily and weekly, developed at least twice as much material locally as was released from the national office.

Radio.—The Fund received the co-operation of all but two of the Canadian radio stations. These valuable services were given across the country, free of charge. Among the services donated by the C.B.C. were two national network broadcasts comprising addresses by Mr. Wendell Willkie and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and one address by Mr. Ben Robertson which was delivered in Vancouver and carried on a regional network.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Gladstone Murray, former Director of Programmes for the C.B.C. and to Mr. Guy Herbert, of the All-Canada Radio Facilities, Ltd., for their invaluable assistance in planning the radio promotion work for the Fund, and in securing the co-operation of the public and private stations across the country.

The National office produced and distributed 52 recordings which were circulated among all stations and used by them at different times throughout the last six weeks of the campaign; these recordings included plays and musical numbers all keyed to the appeal for funds.

In addition, ten "spot announcements" per week were sent out to all radio stations during the above period and most of them were used. A large proportion of the stations also made up their own programmes in aid of the Fund.

Appeals for the Fund were also included in commercial programmes such as the Imperial Oil Hockey broadcasts, and others, for all of which we are extremely grateful.

The Promotion Department was indeed fortunate in securing the services of Miss Monica Mugan, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's staff, who took charge of the radio activities of the Fund. The complete coverage and co-operation given to the Fund during the campaign was due to the services of this very able young lady who planned and supervised the preparation of the material which proved to be acceptable to radio stations throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Grateful acknowledgment is also made to about 100 Canadian writers, producers, artists and others in the radio programme production business who generously donated their services to this cause.

Motion Pictures.—Deep appreciation is here recorded of the splendid job which the motion picture industry did for the Fund. No greater co-operation could have been expected and the time and services generously given by this important industry has played its part in securing most satisfactory results for the Fund.

The following is a report by Mr. Herbert Allen, Chairman of the Motion Picture Industry's Aid to Russia Committee:

"Our objects in getting behind this campaign were three-fold:

1. To make people Russia-conscious.

In this connection we had a news clip made and attached to the 'News Weeklies' which played in every theatre in Canada.

Then, we had the single reel, 'Children At War', which also played practically every theatre in Canada. In my opinion, the showing of this film had a great deal to do with the enormous voluntary subscriptions sent in.

We also had stickers in theatre box office windows, window cards in prominent surrounding spots, and slugs in all newspaper ads throughout Canada.

2. To raise money within our industry for the relief of the Russian people, and in this connection, we raised approximately \$25,000, in addition to which, by means of Sunday shows and concerts throughout the industry, another \$60,000 to \$65,000 was raised.

3. Certain members of our industry took leading parts in the campaign in different cities throughout the country, which contributed greatly to its general success.

Some of these were:

- Mr. R. S. Roddick, Chairman for the Province of Nova Scotia;
- Mr. W. H. Cuzner, General Committee Chairman for Sydney Mines, N.S.;
- Mr. I. H. Allen, Chairman for Manitoba."

Special Bulletins

In addition to a stream of correspondence which passed between the Promotion Department and local branches, 15 bulletins were issued dealing with special features of the campaign such as Christmas and New Year's appeals, "Aid-to-Russia Sunday" in the churches, clothing drives, etc.

Advertising Material

In the interests of economy, the national committee decided that no special advertising material other than leaflets would be made available to committees. It suggested that commercial advertising be solicited on a local basis, and in various communities, merchants generously donated newspaper and window space to aid the Fund. Had the committee embarked on a national programme of window cards and posters for stores, etc., the cost of promoting the campaign would have been run up substantially.

The National office supplied to local branches the following printed materials:

- (a) Leaflets—"A Valiant Ally is Calling";
 - "An Appeal to Doctors, Nurses and allied Professional Groups";
 - "An Appeal to School Children in Canada".
- (b) Scrolls ("Tributes" and "Greetings"), for use as collection lists.
- (c) Tags for use in tag days.
- (d) Coin envelopes.
- (e) Suggestions for Local Committees.
- (f) History of the Organization of the Fund.

To Ministers of churches was supplied suggested material for sermons, among which was the booklet, "50 Questions and Answers about the Soviet Union".

Scrolls

Two types of scrolls of greetings, in the form of collection lists, were used during this campaign: one provided for the payment of 10c. for each signature (and this was chiefly for use in schools). The other provided for signatures to be secured at no set rate.

These scrolls, which were sent to the committees upon requisition, have to date been responsible for the raising of over \$63,000 and a large number of them have yet to be returned.

The scrolls are considered to be extremely important as vehicles of a goodwill message; they provide the opportunity for an exchange of writing greetings

H. F. SKEY

Treasurer's Statement

The following statements of statistical information tell the tale of the Treasury Department sufficiently, in my opinion. Volumes of additional detail could be submitted, but such would involve expenses which it has been my endeavour throughout this campaign to hold down as closely as possible.

The books have not as yet been subjected to audit due to exceptional pressure on the time of our auditors, Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth & Nash. It is my belief, however, that the figures presented herewith set forth the financial progress and present position of the Fund accurately, with the information before me at this date.

Enclosed herewith:

1. Trial Balance to 31st March, 1943.
2. Cash contributions by Provinces from coast to coast with expenses including Clothing Division and percentage of cost.
3. Break-up of the Contributions of the nine Provinces showing contributions from the various Centres in each Province of \$500.00 or over.
4. Statement of the weekly financial Progress of the Fund from the opening of the Campaign.
5. Particulars of Toronto Tag Day, 30th January, 1943, and Returns for special events (concerts, bazaars, etc.) held under permits.
6. List of Ontario County Grants to the Fund totalling \$114,296.94.
7. Headquarters Departmental Salary Statement.

H. F. SKEY,
Treasurer.

GENERAL LEDGER TRIAL BALANCE

March 31st, 1943

	Debits	Credits
Accountable Advances	\$ 8,188.92	
Expenses of Branches	31,688.67	
Bank of Montreal	2,312,798.42	
Purchase of Clothing	442,047.07	
" " Seeds	57,335.79	
" " Medical Supplies	32,194.84	
Freight and Express	20,938.17	
Petty Cash	100.00	
Mrs. Winston Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund	4,430.00	
Expenses—Sundry	\$4,336.81	
Postage	1,281.01	
Supplies	2,609.09	
Salaries	8,813.90	
	17,040.81	
Receipts from Rallies		\$ 8,157.18
" " Ontario		1,348,377.71
" " Quebec		538,275.88
" " British Columbia		291,514.98
" " Alberta		129,307.02
" " Saskatchewan		197,890.42
" " Manitoba		189,879.34
" " Nova Scotia		136,830.94
" " New Brunswick		71,275.02
" " Prince Edward Island		14,961.70
" " Yukon		175.00
" " Labrador		36.00
" " Newfoundland		31.50
" " Netherlands West Indies		25.00
" " North West Territories		25.00
	\$2,926,762.69	\$2,926,762.69

NOTE: Expense Summary:

Accountable Advances	\$ 8,188.92
Expense Reports from Branches	31,688.67
Sundry Expenses—Salaries, Supplies, Postage, etc.	17,040.81
	\$56,918.40

RECEIPTS BY PROVINCES

31st March, 1943

Province	Total Subscriptions	
Alberta.	\$ 129,507.02	
British Columbia.	291,514.98	
Labrador	36.00	
Manitoba.	189,879.34	
Netherlands West Indies.	25.00	
New Brunswick.	71,275.02	
Newfoundland	31.50	
North West Territories	25.00	
Nova Scotia.	136,830.94	
Ontario.	1,356,534.89	
Prince Edward Island	14,961.70	
Quebec.	538,275.88	
Saskatchewan	197,890.42	
Yukon Territory	175.00	
	\$2,926,762.69	
Total Expenses including clothing.		\$56,918.40

Percentage of Cost of Entire Campaign (including costs of Clothing Departments) as measured against CASH Receipts. 1.94%

Percentage of Expenses to Total CASH Receipts and VALUE OF CLOTHING donations at \$1.50 a pound. \$1,283,528.98

Cash Receipts.	2,926,762.69	
	\$4,210,291.67	1.35%

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF FUND
FROM OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN**

Date	Contributions
1942—December 16th	\$ 204,421.42
December 22nd	289,299.47
December 28th	364,840.15
1943—January 9th	645,166.02
January 16th	823,533.06
January 23rd	979,970.17
January 30th	1,112,322.23
February 6th	1,578,843.14
February 13th	2,058,411.10
February 20th	2,255,653.06
February 27th	2,402,286.48
March 6th	2,598,370.20
March 13th	2,713,175.75
March 20th	2,851,765.66
March 27th	2,922,833.22
March 31st	2,926,762.69

NOTE

April 12th, 1943—Total	\$2,976,793.96
Add—Funds known to be in hand at Branches	25,000.00
County Grants passed and to be paid during 1943	20,500.00
 Total as at 12th April	 <u><u>\$3,022,293.96</u></u>

**TORONTO TAG DAY
30th January, 1943**

Gross Receipts	\$35,597.89
Expenses	951.21
Percentage of Cost	2.67%

**RETURNS FROM SPECIAL EVENTS (CONCERTS, BAZAARS,
ETC.) HELD UNDER PERMITS**

Approximate Statement (about 50% completed)

No. of Permits Issued	Issued By	Receipts from Returns Received	Returns not yet Received
47	Headquarters	\$23,474.47	
26	Local Committee of Canadian Aid to Russia Fund (some permits were issued from Headquarters to Committees be- fore Committee authorizations came through)	7,100.22	7
80	Co-ordinating Boards outside of Toronto	31,861.43	53
60	Toronto Committee through Citizens' Committee for Troops in Training . .	15,128.29	35
 213		 <u><u>\$77,564.41</u></u>	 <u><u>95</u></u>

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ONTARIO COUNTY COUNCILS

31st March, 1943

County	County Town	Amount Promised	Remittance Received	Remarks (When Paid or Promised)
Brant.....	Brantford	\$200.00	.....	Since Paid—5th April, 1943
Bruce.....	Walkerton	.....	\$ 3,000.00	6th February, 1943
Carleton.....	Ottawa	.....	5,000.00	1st February, 1943
Dufferin.....	Orangeville	.....	2,672.91	28th January, 1943
Elgin.....	St. Thomas	.....	2,000.00	30th January, 1943
Essex.....	Sandwich	.....	5,000.00	4th February, 1943
Frontenac.....	Kingston	.....	500.00	28th January, 1943
Grey.....	Owen Sound	.....	1,000.00	16th February, 1943
Haldimand.....	Cayuga	.....	1,000.00	23rd January, 1943
Haliburton (Provisional County of).....	Minden	.....	250.00	25th January, 1943
Halton.....	Milton	.....	500.00	6th February, 1943
Hastings.....	Belleville	.....	200.00	31st December, 1942
Huron.....	Goderich	.....	400.00	28th January, 1943
		.....	1,956.00	21st December, 1942 (Original)
		.....	2,000.00	1st February, 1943 (Additional)
Kent.....	Chatham	.....	8,350.00	21st December, 1942
Lambton.....	Sarnia	.....	500.00	8th March, 1943
Lanark.....	Perth	.....	1,500.00	12th February, 1943
Leeds-Grenville.....	Brockville	.....	3,000.00	26th January, 1943
Lennox and Addington.....	Napanee	.....	600.00	15th February, 1943
Lincoln.....	St. Catharines	.....	2,500.00	1st February, 1943
Middlesex.....	London	.....	5,000.00	30th January, 1943
Norfolk.....	Simcoe	.....	2,000.00	23rd January, 1943
Northumberland and Durham.....	Cobourg	.....	5,000.00	25th January, 1943
Ontario.....	Whitby	.....	2,386.20	10th February, 1943
Oxford.....	Woodstock	.....	2,000.00	December 31st, 1942 (Original)
		.....	2,000.00	1st February, 1943 (Additional)
Peel.....	Brampton	.....	3,000.00	9th February, 1943
Perth.....	Stratford	5,000.00 (additional)	5,000.00	24th December, 1942 (Original)
		.....	3,000.00	1st February, 1943 (Additional)
Peterborough.....	Peterborough	500.00	.....	Payment expected end of April
Prescott and Russell.....	L'Orignal	.....	200.00	30th January, 1943
Prince Edward.....	Picton	.....	1,000.00	3rd February, 1943
Renfrew.....	Pembroke	.....	2,500.00	2 February, 1943
Simcoe.....	Barrie	.....	10,000.00	18th February, 1943
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (United Counties of).....	Cornwall	\$ 5,000.00	.....	Payment expected about middle of July, 1943

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ONTARIO COUNTY COUNCILS—Continued

County	County Town	Amount Promised	Remittance Received	Remarks (When Paid or Promised)
Victoria...	Lindsay	5,000.00	.. .	Monthly payments of \$500.00 beginning 1st April, 1943
Waterloo.....	Kitchener	.....	5,000.00	30th January, 1943 31st Dec., 1942 (Original)
Welland.....	Welland	.....	250.00 1,000.00	2 Feb., 1943 (Additional)
Wellington.....	Fergus	.....	1,500.00	2nd February, 1943
Wentworth.....	Hamilton	.....	2,831.83	24th March, 1943
York.....	Toronto, 57 Adelaide St.	10,000.00	.....	\$5,000.00 early in Apr. 1943 \$5,000.00 1st Dec., 1943
		<u>.....</u>	<u>.....</u>	
		\$25,700.00	\$95,596.94	Total \$119,296.94

CANADIAN AID TO RUSSIA FUND

Headquarters Salary List

Date	Secretarial Department	No. on *PR	Treasury Department	No. on *PR	Promotion Department	No. on *PR	Purchasing and Shipping Department	No. on *PR	Toronto Committee	No. on *PR	Total
To:											
Dec. 5, 1942	\$ 442.50	4							\$ 418.00	3	\$ 860.50
Dec. 19, 1942	354.33	9	\$ 196.00	4	\$ 225.00	5			43.00	3	818.33
Jan. 2, 1943	314.00	8	170.00	4	310.00	4	\$ 54.00	1	236.00	3	1,084.00
Jan. 16, 1943	335.50	8	170.00	4	364.50	4	81.00	2	236.00	3	1,187.00
Jan. 30, 1943	303.00	6	200.00	5	305.00	5	103.50	2	200.00	2	1,111.50
Feb. 13, 1943	238.00	5	142.00	3	305.00	5	108.00	2	200.00	2	993.00
Feb. 27, 1943	238.00	5	189.00	4	331.24	6	108.00	2	200.00	2	1,066.24
Mar. 13, 1943	230.00	4	164.00	3	170.00	3	108.00	2			672.00
Mar. 27, 1943	270.00	5	162.33	3	248.00	4	108.00	2			788.33
Temporary Help	137.50		45.00		25.50				25.00		233.00
	<u>\$2,862.83</u>		<u>\$1,438.44</u>		<u>\$2,284.24</u>		<u>\$670.50</u>		<u>\$1,558.00</u>		<u>\$8,813.90</u>
Percentages	32.48%		16.32%		25.37%		7.60%		17.67%		100%

NOTE: *PR=Pay Roll.

The Staff figures above do not include the services of ten officers loaned throughout the Campaign, without cost to the Fund, by the Canada Packers Limited and the Bank of Montreal.

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

31st March, 1943

ALBERTA. Total..... \$129,307.02

Cities or Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—

CALGARY DIVISION:

Calgary.....	\$ 36,987.48
Cochrane.....	546.00
Carstairs.....	750.00
Drumheller.....	1,310.50
Red Deer.....	958.00

EDMONTON DIVISION:

Edmonton.....	\$ 30,488.62
Edson and Coal Branch District.....	2,748.05
Grande Prairie.....	1,269.51
Innisfree and District.....	823.99
Nordegg and District.....	571.53
Mundare and District.....	852.46
Peace River and Sexsmith District.....	2,070.02
Vigreville and District.....	634.01
Vermillion and District.....	740.82
Wainwright and District.....	559.22
Westaskiwin and District.....	1,148.07

RECEIVED BY HEADQUARTERS, TORONTO, DIRECT:

Cadomin.....	\$ 532.05
Coleman.....	1,130.00
East Coulee.....	1,793.00
Lethbridge.....	6,973.42
Medicine Hat.....	3,364.54
Newcastle.....	681.89
Raymond.....	947.39
Smoky Lake.....	1,155.92
Other Districts.....	30,270.53
	<u><u>\$129,307.02</u></u>

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Total \$291,514.98

Cities or Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—

Armstrong.....	\$ 955.92
Britannia Beach.....	1,259.00
Burnaby.....	3,776.92
Chilliwack.....	1,897.56
Chemainus.....	956.32
Copper Mountain.....	677.50
Courtenay.....	3,258.94
Cranbrook.....	1,416.87
Cumberland.....	2,363.48
Duncan.....	5,361.65
Fernie.....	1,029.00
Grand Forks.....	578.34
Haney.....	1,800.00
Kamloops.....	4,603.91
Kelowna.....	3,627.71
Kimberley.....	3,036.39
Ladysmith.....	903.63
Langley.....	2,681.87
Michel.....	1,950.00
Nanaimo.....	6,400.65
Nelson.....	3,945.65
New Westminster.....	14,876.41
North Vancouver.....	8,343.57
Ocean Falls.....	2,232.70
Oliver.....	637.00
Penticton.....	2,750.73
Port Alberni.....	5,744.44
Port Alice.....	1,109.75
Powell River.....	2,649.50
Prince George.....	4,199.39
Prince Rupert.....	8,744.00
Princeton.....	1,501.50
Revelstoke.....	1,009.11
Richmond.....	1,907.25
Rossland.....	2,405.47
Salmon Arm.....	1,667.80
Summerland.....	1,113.00
Terrace.....	1,413.38
Trail.....	7,581.69
Ucluelet.....	1,976.05
Vernon.....	4,061.73
Victoria.....	34,616.97
Vancouver and district.....	129,752.26
West Vancouver.....	2,090.65

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Miscellaneous received at Vancouver.....	\$ 10,780.49
Miscellaneous received at Headquarters, Toronto.	534.69
	<u>\$306,180.84</u>
Less Remittance received at Headquarters, Toronto, since 31st March (5th April)...	14,665.86
	<u><u>\$291,514.98</u></u>

MANITOBA. Total..... \$189,879.34

Cities and Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—

Boissevain.....	\$ 1,115.15
Brandon.....	5,305.41
Carman.....	1,305.04
Dauphin.....	1,561.99
Elgin	730.00
Gimli	593.22
Gladstone.....	1,477.89
Glenboro.....	571.00
Grandview.....	529.74
Hamiota.....	624.96
Hartney.....	719.11
Killarney.....	909.95
Lac de Bonnet.....	811.72
Manitou.....	1,304.03
Melita.....	627.30
Miami.....	753.91
Marden.....	648.00
Neepawa.....	1,488.24
Pilot Mound.....	613.35
Portage La Prairie.....	2,415.54
Roblin.....	660.82
Russell.....	1,090.78
Sanford.....	739.92
Selkirk.....	1,608.69
Souris.....	627.73
Stonewall.....	511.12
Virden.....	1,466.33

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Winnipegosis.....	\$ 768.44
Winnipeg.....	116,272.30
(\$3,239.65 additional contributions received from Winnipeg since 31st March, 1943)	
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	\$147,851.68
Miscellaneous.....	42,027.66
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	\$189,879.34
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NEW BRUNSWICK. Total. \$ 71,275.02

Cities and Counties contributing \$500.00 or more—	
Saint John City and County.....	\$21,184.33
Kings County.....	9,310.63
Fredericton and York County.....	7,657.59
Carleton County.....	3,544.14
Charlotte County.....	5,988.67
Restigouche County.....	2,511.35
Moncton and Westmorland County.....	9,669.78
Northumberland County.....	2,464.35
Queens County.....	1,700.45
Sunbury County.....	1,223.32
Victoria County..	1,762.89
Kent County.....	547.00
Gloucester County.....	1,569.81
Madawaska County.....	1,134.46
Albert County.....	797.41
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	\$71,066.18
Miscellaneous received at Headquarters, Toronto, from New Brunswick..	208.84
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	\$71,275.02
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NOVA SCOTIA. Total \$136,830.94

Cities or Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—	
Annapolis Royal..	\$ 2,061.29
Amherst.....	7,818.04
Bridgewater.....	2,730.31
(Dartmouth, N.S. and Halifax East, \$5,215.72 Collected, previous to 31 March and remitted for since 31 March.)	

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Digby	\$ 1,145.18
Glace Bay	5,988.15
Halifax	54,162.16
(\$2,134.32 additional contributions received from Halifax since 31st March.)	
Kentville	4,119.10
Liverpool	4,388.73
Lunenburg	1,678.50
New Glasgow	7,835.33
North Sydney	3,500.08
New Waterford	1,335.13
Oxford	1,001.20
Picton	3,927.54
Shelburne	1,360.20
Stellarton	2,456.57
Sydney	10,953.94
Sydney Mines	2,363.59
Springhill	1,710.91
Truro	4,236.04
Westville	1,874.60
Windsor	3,281.79
Yarmouth	4,262.76
Miscellaneous	2,639.80
	\$136,830.94

ONTARIO. Total \$1,356,534.89

Cities and Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—

Ajax	\$ 4,386.98
Alexandria	512.99
Ansonville	1,479.63
Almonte	1,338.25
Aurora	1,741.74
Arnprior	3,656.15
Batavia	1,580.05
Barrie	16,512.26
Belleville	5,122.97
Bowmanville	1,555.08
Brampton	7,194.37
Brantford	26,612.30
Brockville	8,983.04
Burlington	3,900.37
Caledonia	1,760.34
Camp Borden	797.97
Campbellville	584.00

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Campbellford	\$ 2,255.90
Carleton Place	1,876.92
Chatham	19,215.79
Cobalt	511.27
Chesley	1,362.86
Clinton	1,617.45
Cobourg	5,990.17
Cochrane	726.94
Coldwater	599.21
Collingwood	627.15
Cornwall	7,597.03
County of Huron	3,956.40
Crowland	1,368.08
Creemore	650.29
Delhi	1,008.02
Dryden	2,388.30
Dundalk	504.70
Dundas	2,547.24
Dunnville	1,275.27
Englehart	799.09
Exeter	1,362.32
Fergus	3,335.63
Fort Erie	2,257.07
Fort Frances	2,313.66
Fort William	19,434.86
Galt	8,468.94
Gananoque	1,830.20
Georgetown	1,330.30
Geraldton	2,284.71
Grimsby	1,112.65
Goderich	4,159.59
Gravenhurst	521.80
Guelph	9,517.48
Hagersville	1,211.50
Haileybury	920.54
Hamilton	79,177.25
Hanover	1,732.81
Hornepayne	507.50
Hillsburg	628.40
Hespeler	538.92
Huntsville	2,291.32
Ingersoll	2,123.05
Iroquois	601.53
Iroquois Falls	687.77
Kapuskasing	2,338.60
Kearns and Virginiatown	912.70
Kenora	4,173.61
Kincardine	1,154.53
Kingston	17,002.90

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Kirkland Lake	\$ 10,354.85
Kitchener	13,874.16
Larder Lake	1,139.10
Leaside	2,834.62
Lindsay	2,546.51
Listowel	1,419.90
London	37,531.46
Long Branch	715.46
Lucknow	1,152.58
Markdale	578.50
Matachewan	513.12
Meaford	654.83
Midland	1,687.64
Mimico	771.88
Milton	2,018.95
Mitchell	1,471.35
Mount Forest	935.62
Napanee	2,003.00
Newmarket	2,231.72
New Toronto	3,831.54
New Liskeard	3,055.23
Niagara Falls	11,065.64
North Bay	5,353.28
Norwich	877.34
Oakville	4,226.28
Orangeville	3,173.96
Orillia	2,852.27
Oshawa	32,851.96
Ottawa	39,037.57
(\$20,715.60 additional contributions received from Ottawa since 31st March.)	
Owen Sound	11,036.97
Paisley	3,901.59
Paris	2,194.01
Parry Sound	1,043.98
Pembroke	7,777.84
Penetanguishene	614.32
Perth	2,617.75
Peterborough	7,704.19
Picton	3,540.26
Port Credit	500.75
Port Dover	509.00
Port Elgin	1,326.96
Port Hope	3,292.30
Port Arthur	15,346.56
Prescott	1,459.55
Port Colborne	12,648.34
Renfrew	2,395.50
Richmond Hill	869.91

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

St. Catharines	\$ 16,688.15
St. Marys	3,487.66
St. Thomas	11,986.49
Sarnia	7,781.60
Sault Ste. Marie	8,658.05
Simcoe	4,278.51
Sioux Lookout	1,545.00
Seaforth	1,757.00
Shelburne	1,646.22
Smiths Falls	1,884.50
South Porcupine	17,400.60
Stayner	531.52
Stouffville	696.05
Stratford	19,172.72
Strathroy	925.11
Streetsville	641.15
Sudbury	10,624.87
Tavistock	614.50
Timmins	1,878.20
Thorold	3,609.67
Thorold South	885.74
Teeswater	795.70
Tillsonburg	3,113.53
Toronto	469,715.19
Trenton	2,546.19
Uxbridge	520.50
Walkerton	2,073.15
Warkworth	569.81
Welland	14,172.93
Weston	3,251.33
Whitby	4,089.97
Warton	720.68
Windsor	88,147.25
(\$640.50 additional contributions received from Windsor since 31st March.)	
Wingham	4,177.92
Woodstock	7,559.39
Sundry Towns, Cities and Villages under \$500.00.	50,319.23
	<u>\$1,356,534.89</u>

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Total.....		<u><u>\$ 14,961.70</u></u>
Cities and Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—		
Charlottetown and vicinity.....	\$ 8,181.50	
Montagne.....	589.75	
Souris.....	535.50	
Summerside and vicinity.....	4,658.21	
	<u>\$13,964.96</u>	
Miscellaneous.....	996.74	
		<u><u>\$14,961.70</u></u>

QUEBEC. Total.....		<u><u>\$538,275.88</u></u>
Cities and Towns contributing \$500.00 or more—		
Buckingham.....	\$ 2,382.74	
Cowanville.....	934.64	
Chicoutimi.....	4,867.10	
Danville.....	895.00	
Drummondville.....	1,745.00	
Farnham.....	1,197.12	
Gaspe.....	581.10	
Granby.....	1,033.44	
Hull.....	3,305.20	
Joliette.....	765.81	
Knowlton.....	805.55	
Lachute.....	2,438.02	
Maniwaki.....	1,589.65	
Montreal.....	368,432.80	
(\$5,543.03 additional contributions received from Montreal since 31st March.)		
Noranda-Rouyn.....	6,240.00	
Quebec City and vicinity.....	54,375.00	
Richmond.....	1,844.30	
Rimouski.....	764.00	
Riverbend.....	667.25	
Ste. Agathe.....	2,780.00	
Ste. Hyacinthe.....	2,449.31	
St. John.....	2,556.55	
Shawinigan Falls.....	2,760.65	
Sherbrooke.....	19,401.75	
Sorel.....	1,018.00	
Sutton.....	1,146.05	
Timiskaming.....	2,280.43	
Thetford Mines.....	2,594.31	
Three Rivers.....	5,864.32	
Val D'Or.....	7,432.29	

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

Valleyfield—		
Beauharnois	\$ 678.00	
Howick (Aubray and Riverfield)	342.40	
Huntingdon	1,842.98	
Ormstown	611.86	
Valleyfield	4,469.42	
		7,944.66
Victoriaville		2,193.00
Waterloo		819.31
Windsor Mills		826.14
		\$516,930.49
Miscellaneous		21,345.39
		\$538,275.88

SASKATCHEWAN. Total \$197,890.42

Cities, Towns and Districts contributing \$500.00 or more—

REMITTANCES DIRECT TO HEADQUARTERS, TORONTO:

Blaine Lake	\$ 1,132.90
Buchanan	731.00
Foam Lake	631.18
Lloydminster	1,969.47
Melville	1,519.70
Maple Creek	583.91
Moose Jaw and District	45,948.44
NOTE: No break-up of this amount available to show contributions from other centres and districts included in these figures.	
North Battleford	3,072.77
Prince Albert	2,042.00
	(\$2,369.43 additional contributions received since 31st March from Prince Albert.)
Rosetown	1,179.09
Wadena	911.44
Watrous	2,357.22
Yellowknife	500.00
Yorkton	2,305.02
Miscellaneous	11,644.05
	\$ 76,528.19

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued

COLLECTIONS THROUGH REGINA, SASK.:

Davidson	\$ 1,000.00	
Kamsack	734.94	
Loomis and Frontier	618.50	
Regina—Direct	26,149.06	
Regina—Through Toronto	358.81	
Shaunavon	1,002.08	
Swift Current	2,609.40	
Weyburn	2,651.86	
Miscellaneous	37,359.48	
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COLLECTIONS THROUGH SASKATOON:

Arelee and District	\$ 1,025.00	
Battleford and North Battleford ..	525.00	
Eston and District	2,870.00	
Kindersley and District	555.00	
Meadow Lake and District	590.00	
Melfort and District	685.00	
Rosetown and District	525.00	
Tindale and District	725.00	
Seamans and District	785.00	
Saskatoon	\$16,500.00	
Saskatoon Radio Station	3,175.00	
Saskatoon (credited through Toronto)	47.61	
	<hr/>	19,722.61
Simpson and District	1,420.00	
Unity and District	645.00	
Wilkie and District	835.00	
Wynyard and District	805.00	
Miscellaneous	17,165.49	
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		\$197,890.42
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(Signed) H. F. SKEY,
National Treasurer.

DONATED CLOTHING ACTIVITIES

J. Creed, Ontario

I submit herewith a brief report of the Ontario Clothing Division, Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

This branch of the Fund was established in early December on the authority of the National Executive. The campaign for clothing began on December 18th by letter appeals to individuals, churches, nurses' associations, business houses and other bodies. For the first few weeks our efforts were confined to the Toronto area, but later extended to the whole Province by the establishing of local clothing committees.

The progress made since then is best shown by the monthly results:

December	15,942 Units
January	55,745 "
February	176,275 "
March (27 days)	164,920 "
Total	<u>412,882 Units</u>

To date we have shipped to the U.S.S.R. 1,776 bales of clothing, averaging 400 pounds each, or seventeen and two-thirds carloads. Our Campaign has reached into 305 Municipalities throughout Ontario and has involved 638 Organizations; 67 Red Cross Societies; 26 Women's Institutes; 73 Churches and Church Groups; 10 I.O.D.E. Chapters; 13 Salvation Army Groups; 154 Fraternal Societies and Service Clubs; 9 Nurses' Associations; 93 Schools and School Associations; 137 firms, stores, etc., and 56 Canadian Aid to Russia Fund Committees.

In addition to the clothing received, our promotion letters have brought in \$2,802.91 for the purchase of blankets and other clothing.

Forty-seven Ontario Municipalities have agreed to carry on Clothing for Russia Campaigns during the month of April and we are confident that these, together with our intensified efforts in Toronto and other larger cities, will enable us to equal, if not surpass, the March response.

I wish to express my warm appreciation to His Worship Mayor Conboy and Fire Chief Sinclair of Toronto for placing the fire halls at our disposal as Sub-Receiving Depots. Without that valuable help it would have been impossible for us to carry on during the early weeks of the Campaign.

I am grateful, too, for the wholehearted co-operation given us by the Artists, Writers and Broadcasters War Council, a number of whose members have given invaluable assistance during the course of the Campaign. I want to express my warmest thanks to Mrs. Lily Phelps and her corps of volunteer women who have carried the enormous burden of sorting and classifying the clothing since the inception of the Campaign. We are particularly indebted to the Robert Simpson Company for coming to our rescue at the peak of the Campaign and rendering invaluable assistance.

Finally let me express my heartfelt appreciation to those thousands of warm-hearted people of Ontario who have made this report possible. They have made a real contribution to United Nations' unity by this generous sharing with the Russian people. I am convinced that what they have done in the past few months will do much to erase the memory of past misunderstandings between Russia and Canada, that it will further strengthen our war alliance and lay the foundations for fruitful collaboration after victory has been won.

ONTARIO

CLOTHING DIVISION

December 7th, 1942—March 27th, 1943

Classification	Number Received
Men's Sweaters	17,268
Men's Underwear	20,137
Boys' Clothing	30,318
Children's Clothing	71,084
Babies' Clothing	45,201
Girls' Clothing	42,967
Women's Cottons	21,153
Women's Sweaters	24,518
Socks and Stockings	18,124
Blankets and Quilts	8,571
Towels, Sheets, etc.	6,678
Shoes (pairs)	17,010
Rubbers (pairs)	4,512
Men's Windbreakers	3,355
Men's Suits	2,973
Men's Overcoats	11,045
Men's Jackets	13,944
Women's Dresses	11,722
Women's Suits	3,103
Women's Coats	17,043
Women's Jackets	4,944
Children's Overcoats	11,455
Boys' Windbreakers	3,715
Special, Gloves, Furs, etc.	4,042
TOTAL	412,882

(Signed) J. CREED.

NOTE: Total Collection of Clothing to 14th April, 1943—470,382 units.
 To 14th April, 1943, we have shipped to the U.S.S.R. 1,800 bales of clothing, averaging 300 pounds each, or eighteen carloads.

DONATED CLOTHING ACTIVITY

(Mrs.) B. A. Victor, Winnipeg, Manitoba

I am enclosing a list showing the weight and value of clothing shipped and on hand up to April 1st, 1943, and also an itemized list of articles shipped to date.

Prior to the formation of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, a local committee had been forwarding assistance to Russia ever since they entered the war. When the Fund was formed, they had on hand ninety bales of clothing ready for shipment, which they turned over to the Fund, and it is included in the statement following.

New clothing donated directly by twenty manufacturers, retailers and jobbers, and by local organizations and individuals, amount to approximately \$44,000.00 in value. This is included in the estimated value.

A great many organizations have assisted as groups—women's church groups of practically all denominations, national groups, war service clubs and organizations, the T. Eaton Company employees, the Hudson's Bay Company employees, school teachers, needle trade workers. Major Torrans, head of the Army Trade School next door to our depot, rendered us very valuable assistance by loaning the services of as many soldiers as we happened to require on particular days, and by filling many other requests. Our thanks are due to five fur manufacturers, who have mended our fur coats free of charge for us. We are also grateful to the Victoria Leather Goods for mending leather jackets for us.

(Signed) ROSE VICTOR.

WEIGHT AND VALUE OF CLOTHING COLLECTED

WINNIPEG DEPOT		
	Weight	Value
4 cars shipped February 12th to March 22nd, 1943.	130,155 lbs.	\$195,232 00
90 cases shipped February 19th.	15,840 lbs.	23,760 00
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TOTAL CLOTHING SHIPPED	145,995 lbs.	\$218,992.00
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Clothing on hand	40,000 lbs.	\$ 60,000.00
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TOTAL CLOTHING COLLECTED	185,995 lbs.	\$278,992.00
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ITEMIZED LIST OF CLOTHING SHIPPED

WINNIPEG DEPOT		
	Used	New
Shoes	10,147	321
Bedding	1,130	3,611
Women's and Girls' Slacks	976	230
Women's and Girls' Coats	9,089	860
Women's and Girls' Sweaters, Blouses, Jackets	13,672	1,150

Women's and Girls' Dresses	10,918	874
Women's and Girls' Skirts and Suits	7,659	60
Women's Ski Jackets and Ski Suits	142	82
Women's and Girls' Underwear	4,215	457
Caps, Scarves, Socks, etc.	28,382	5,315
Miscellaneous	432	29
Seeds		25 lbs.
Children's and Infants' Wear	26,835	3,439
Fur Pieces	609	2
Fur Coats	140	3
Hospital Supplies		4,189
Men's and Boys' Overcoats	4,149	136
Men's and Boys' Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets	17,647	1,158
Men's and Boys' Trousers	4,713	1,492
Men's and Boys' Underwear	4,931	955
Men's and Boys' Suits	416	89
Parkas		21
New Clothing contained in first 90 cases		5,494
Old Clothing contained in first 90 cases	12,000
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TOTALS	158,202	28,811
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(SIGNED) ROSE VICTOR.

DONATED CLOTHING ACTIVITIES

P. AIVAZOFF, British Columbia

Prior to the formation of the Canadian Air to Russia Fund, British Columbia forwarded clothing to the value of \$356,100.00. Since the Fund started functioning in this Province we have shipped under this heading goods to the value of \$87,700.00, consisting of 250 cases of clothing, the weight of which is 46,600 pounds, and which, of course, consists of clothing for men, women, and children, also quilts, blankets and not more than 500 pounds of shoes.

The expenses entailed for shipping of all this clothing up to date is as follows:

Transportation between here and Seattle on 46,600 pounds at .48 per 100 pounds is	\$223.68
Packing cases, waterproof paper, nails and steel strapping for 250 cases is	100.00
Cleaning and laundering and fumigating (about).....	75.00
Fixed monthly expenses, such as:	
Rent.....	Free
Light, 'phone and heat.....Per month	\$ 30.00
Incidentals and office stationery, stamps.....Per month	15.00
One person in attendance.....Per month	75.00
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Per month	\$120.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPENSES IS.....	\$ 518.68
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The mending and repairing and packing of all this clothing has been done by volunteer workers so far. We have on hand about 60 cases of new and used clothing, of which the approximate weight is 12,000 pounds.

(Signed) P. AIVAZOFF.

NATIONAL SEED COMMITTEE STATEMENT

W. T. G. Wiener, Ottawa, Ontario

The National Seed Committee personnel includes:

Honorary Chairman:	E. L. Eaton
Chairman:	W. T. G. Wiener
	W. H. Robertson, British Columbia
	A. M. Wilson, Alberta
	S. H. Vigor, Saskatchewan
	Robt. Whiteman, Manitoba
	John MacLeod, Ontario
	Paul Methot, Quebec
	M. P. Harrison, New Brunswick
	Kenneth Cox, Nova Scotia
	W. R. Shaw, Prince Edward Island
Technical Advisors:	N. Young, Seed Administrator
	L. H. Newman, Dominion Cerealist
	T. M. Stevenson, Dominion Agrostologist
	M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist

Seed amounting to 142,067 pounds valued at \$60,095.41 has been donated to Russia. The value placed on the seed does not include assembling or freight charges, neither does it include the value of cash donations collected for the purchase of seed.

The following kinds and quantities of seed were secured through donations from seed growers and business organizations or were purchased by the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund up to March 31st, 1943.

Kind	Quantity in Lbs.	Value	Donor
Wheat	600	\$ 17.50	Ontario Growers
Oats	9,112	313.90	Ontario Growers
Barley	5,424	146.55	Ontario Growers
Soybeans	600	35.00	Ontario Growers
Beans (field)	1,200	45.00	Ontario Growers
Corn (hybrid)	1,344	144.00	Ontario Growers
Beans (garden)	60	12.00	Ontario Growers
Tomato	20	80.00	Ontario Growers
Sub Total	18,360	\$ 793.95	
Mangel	400	\$ 260.00	P.E.I. Dept. Agr.
Mangel	200	130.00	P.E.I. Growers
Swedes	200	150.00	P.E.I. Growers
Sub Total	800	\$ 540.00	

Kind	Quantity		Value	Donors
	Pounds	Bushels		
Swedes.....		200	\$ 150.00	N.S. Growers D.E.S., Kentville, N.S.
Onion.....		7	23.10	
Sub Total.....		207	\$ 173.10	
Swedes.....		200	\$ 150.00	N.B. Growers C.S.G.A.
Vegetable Seed.....		517	222.30	
Barley.....		7,872	186.96	Purchased by the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.
Beets (garden).....		3,300	3,909.80	
Cabbage.....		1,925	2,328.25	
Carrot.....		7,297	13,811.00	
Onion.....		1,603	5,361.40	
Spinach.....		2,100	658.35	
Mangel.....		18,000	11,700.00	
Sugar Beet.....		79,886	20,260.30	
Sub Total.....		121,983	\$58,216.06	
GRAND TOTAL..		142,067	\$60,095.41	

**Seed Supplied from Canada for Aid to Russia through
The Russian War Relief Inc., New York City**

Kind	Quantity		Value	Donor
		in Lbs.		
Wheat.....		12,600	\$ 300.00	Saskatchewan Branch, Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Re- gina, Sask.
Oats.....		47,574	975.00	
Barley.....		96	2.40	
Flax.....		112	8.00	
Alfalfa.....		50	25.00	
Peas (garden).....		96	10.00	
Total.....		60,528	\$1,320.40	
Wheat.....		48,000	\$1,080.00	Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Ltd.
Oats.....		20,400	570.00	
Barley.....		14,400	360.00	
Total.....		82,800	\$2,010.00	
Total Donated by Canadians			Quantity	Value
Canadian Aid to Russia.....			in Lbs.	
Russian War Relief.....			142,067	\$60,095.41
Total.....			143,328	3,330.40
Total.....			285,395	\$63,425.81

April 22nd, 1943.

Key to Donors

C.S.G.A., Sask.	Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Saskatchewan
Sask. Pool	Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Limited
C.S.G.A.	Canadian Seed Growers' Association
Ontario	Ontario Farmers and Seed Growers
Aid to Russia	Purchased by Canadian Aid to Russia Fund
D.E.S., Kentville	Dom. Exp. Sta., Kentville, N.S.
P.E.I. Dept. Agr.	Dept. of Agr., Prince Edward Island.
P.E.I. Growers	Prince Edward Island Seed Growers
N.S. Growers	Nova Scotia Seed Growers
N.B. Growers	New Brunswick Seed Growers

The chairman of the provincial committee in each province is the member of the National Seed Committee who represents this respective province on the committee. The function of the provincial committee is to organize the effort to secure seed or funds to provide for the urgent seed requirements of Russia. The National Seed Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Executive of the Aid to Russia Fund and as a co-ordinating body.

The National Seed Committee has just completed a survey to determine whether the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund might not increase the value of seed supplied by placing contracts with producers. The members of the Committee report that such a scheme is not feasible because the shortage of labour makes it impossible for producers to increase production beyond present demands on their resources.

Since contracts for significant quantities of seed cannot be placed, any seed purchased by the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund must be secured from the surplus available for export. To buy to advantage under such conditions it is necessary to have funds available to purchase as and when seeds are offered. To give the Committee an opportunity to plan its purchases of seed to best advantage it is recommended that a sum of money be made available immediately for the purchase of seed for donation to Russia. This recommendation has been approved by the Executive of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund and a sum of money has been made available for further purchases of seed.

(Signed) W. T. G. WIENER.

JOHN LINTON'S STATEMENT

on Purchases and Shipments as of 7th April, 1943

(The Fund's activities with regard to Purchases and Shipments from 10th Decemes, 1942 to 31st March, 1943, were presided over by Mr. W. R. Ingram, whose services were made available to the Fund by the generosity of Swift Canadian Co. Limited.)

(On 1st April, 1943, the activities with regard to Purchases and Shipments were transferred to Mr. John Linton, whose services were made available through the generosity of Canada Packers Limited.)

As soon as the flow of subscriptions became substantial, on the 14th December, the matter of purchases and shipments was taken in hand.

The Minister Plenipotentiary of the U.S.S.R. to Canada, Mr. Feodor Gousev, and his staff, were contacted and there were procured from them lists of articles most urgently required. At the same time an arrangement was entered into whereby all goods dispatched by the Fund would be delivered at seaport to representatives of the U.S.S.R., who would undertake, without charge to the Fund, to provide shipping and distribution facilities through the co-operation of the Russian Society for the Development of Cultural Relations with Foreigners (VOKS).

The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways in Canada, and the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways in the United States were approached and have provided special reduced rates for carload shipments of Canadian Aid to Russia goods.

In order to make up full carloads it has been necessary to assemble goods at main points and to facilitate this, both the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways and the members of the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario and Transport Companies elsewhere, very kindly provide as their contribution (without charge), transport facilities from local points to central shipping depots. This very valuable contribution to the Fund is unable to be shown in cash but is having the result of enabling the contributions made in cash to provide a much greater quantity of relief goods than would have been the case if full transportation charges had been required to be paid.

The control of goods in Canada is such that no substantial quantity of goods may be either purchased or transported for the purposes of the Fund unless and until each item is approved by the respective controllers in charge of materials, manufacturing, transit, etc. All of the controllers concerned were contacted and, without exception, have taken the greatest personal interest in the Fund and the accomplishment of the objects to which it is devoted, and all of the necessary details in connection with control have been supplied with the utmost promptness and the least possible inconvenience.

Shipment to seacoast has involved the moving of freight through the United States, which in turn requires an export license, United States transport control license and customs export forms. The controllers and officials concerned with these additional matters have given the promptest and most interested co-operation.

The making of the necessary contacts and the arrangements as above referred to was a considerable undertaking, but was carried out promptly and effectively by Mr. W. R. Ingram.

The first carload of goods was shipped on January 16th, 1943, from Toronto, and the flow of goods then commenced has continued as set forth hereafter.

DONATIONS IN KIND

(Clothing valued at \$1.50 per pound. Other goods at factory prices.)

Used and Donated Clothing, Seeds and

Surgical Instruments Shipped to Date:

Toronto	\$	632,891.95	
Winnipeg		274,446.98	
Vancouver		69,000.00	
			\$ 976,338.93

Purchased and Shipped to Date:

10,175 Blankets			
46,836 Coats			
60,000 Medical Supplies			
20,000 Woollen Mufflers			
28,350 Pairs Woollen Gloves and Mitts			
20,000 Woollen Shirts			
15,572 Sweater Jackets			
18,341 Jersey Pullovers			
71,240 Pairs Woollen Socks			
16,000 Sheets			
10,864 Pillow Slips			
26,439 Woollen Underwear			
7,834 Puttees			
17,260 Trousers			
2,556 Berets and Caps			
13,422 Pairs Boots and Shoes			
12,000 Pounds Powdered Milk			
120,053 Pounds Vegetable Seeds and Grain			
Shipping Charges Paid to Date			32,800.00

Purchased but Not Shipped:

50,000 Pairs Overalls			
25,000 Blankets			
1,200 Pairs Mitts			
4,430 Sweater Jackets			
1,659 Jersey Pullovers			
684 Pairs Socks			
1,035 Sets Underwear			
15,509 Pairs Boots and Shoes			
2,000 Oil Stoves			
10,000 Shearling Pelts			
140,092 Pounds Powdered Milk			
50,000 Pounds Tobacco			
			333,836.00

Purchases Being Negotiated:

Cloth		\$200,000.00	
Knit Goods		420,000.00	
Blankets		100,000.00	
Alcohol and Drums		50,000.00	
Watches		225.00	
Rubber Boots		2,750.00	
			872,975.00

Estimated Shipping Charges to be Paid on Purchases and Purchases Being Negotiated			40,000.00
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TOTAL TO DATE \$2,645,675.51

NATIONAL OFFICE AND ONTARIO DIVISION

STATEMENT—April 7th, 1943

Origin	Date	Car No.	Weights Pounds	Value Donated Clothing	Value Purchased Clothing	Value Purchased Seeds	Value Purchased Medical	Total Value Car	Final Total Values
Toronto...	1-16-43	1	38,300	\$46,275.00				\$46,275.00	
Ottawa.....	1-16-43	2	32,250		\$30,000.00			30,000.00	
".....	1-16-43	3	29,128		13,400.00			13,400.00	
".....	1-16-43	4	24,251		4,525.00			4,525.00	
".....	1-18-43	5	21,975		15,034.50			15,034.50	
".....	1-19-43	6	24,905		26,839.60			26,839.60	
Toronto.....	1-25-43	7	33,434	20,775.00	10,093.10			30,868.10	
Ottawa.....	1-22-43	8	29,294		24,264.83			24,264.83	
".....	1-22-43	9	32,494		19,245.00			19,245.00	
".....	1-22-43	10	24,608		27,530.70			27,530.70	
Aurora.....	1-25-43	11	33,768		7,199.05			7,199.05	
Ottawa.....	1-26-43	12	27,500		27,888.62			27,888.62	
".....	1-30-43	14	26,170		22,494.46			22,494.46	
Toronto.....	2- 6-43	15	33,000	49,500.00				49,500.00	
".....	2- 9-43	16	28,370	42,555.00				42,555.00	
Ottawa.....	2-11-43	18	28,434		16,575.96			16,575.96	
Toronto.....	2-15-43	20	27,900	41,850.00				41,850.00	
".....	2-20-43	21	31,020	46,530.00				46,530.00	
".....	3- 2-43	22	27,260	40,890.00				40,890.00	
".....	3- 4-43	24	30,200	45,300.00				45,300.00	
Calgary.....	2-26-43	25	26,996		6,788.45			6,788.45	
Ottawa.....	3- 2-43	26	25,534		2,679.82		\$16,162.84	18,842.66	
Toronto.....	3- 5-43	27	24,650	7,500.00	12,272.00		\$5,800.00	25,572.00	
".....	3- 5-43	28	32,100	27,000.00	5,457.00			32,457.00	
".....	3- 8-43	29	28,650	41,685.00	1,290.00			42,975.00	
Vancouver..	3- 1-43	30	1,975			\$3,715.00		3,715.00	
Brandon.....	3- 4-43	31	20,143			21,882.41		21,882.41	
Chatham.....	2-13-43	32	18,000			11,700.00		11,700.00	
Toronto.....	3-10-43	33	35,000	52,500.00				52,500.00	
".....	3-11-43	34	30,600	45,900.00				45,900.00	
".....	3-23-43	36	33,050	11,250.00			4,570.00	15,820.00	
Gananoque..	3-12-43	37	35,100	31,350.00			4,410.00	35,760.00	
Chatham.....	3-25-43	39	39,932			10,125.00		10,125.00	
".....	3-25-43	40	39,954			10,135.30		10,135.30	
Toronto.....	3-30-43	41	30,000	24,222.00	5,448.99			29,670.99	
".....	4- 3-43	42	30,000	26,809.95				26,809.95	
".....	4- 7-43	43	31,100	31,000.00	6,936.00		520.00	38,456.00	\$1,007,875.58
			1,066,945 or approx. 534 tons.	\$632,891.95	\$285,963.08	\$57,557.71	\$31,462.84		

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STATEMENT

April 7th, 1943

MANITOBA DIVISION

Date	Car No.	Weights Pounds	Value Donated Clothing	Value Purchased Clothing	Total Value Car	Final Total Values
1-29-43	3	39,007	.....	\$14,741.95	\$14,741.95	
2- 5-43	17	15,840	\$32,342.76	.....	32,342.76	
2-12-43	19	31,193	59,488.00	.....	59,488.00	
2-27-43	23	36,773	59,520.00	.....	59,520.00	
3-11-43	35	37,566	62,830.22	.....	62,830.22	
3-23-43	38	35,299	60,266.00	.....	60,266.00	\$289,188.93
		<u>195,678</u> or approx. 98 tons.	<u>\$274,446.98</u>	<u>\$14,741.95</u>		

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

2- 1-43	..	16,000	\$24,000.00	.....	\$24,000.00	
2-15-43	..	30,000	45,000.00	.....	45,000.00	
		<u>46,000</u> or approx. 23 tons.	<u>\$69,000.00</u>	<u>.....</u>		<u>\$69,000.00</u>

JOHN LINTON.

**U.S.S.R. EMBASSY STATEMENT OF GOODS SHIPPED
FROM SEABOARD**

The following is an extract from telegram received by us from Washington:

“Following relief goods from Canadian Aid to Russia Association were shipped to U.S.S.R. during February 69 packages weighing 4 tons. During March 1,315 packages weighing 113 tons. During April 291 packages weighing 29 tons. Expect to ship during April about 150 additional tons of clothing.”

The foregoing in addition to following shipments from Canadian Ports—40 tons of goods shipped on 6th April and about 5 carloads now loading.

Hope you will find this information satisfactory.

(Signed) IVAN I. KROTOV,
Commercial Attaché,
Legation of the U.S.S.R.

**Address of the Hon. Feodor Gousev, Minister Plenipotentiary from the
U.S.S.R. to Canada, to the General Meeting of the Canadian
Aid to Russia Fund, in the Royal York Hotel,
March 15th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Availing myself of the opportunity to be present here at the meeting of your Committee I wish first of all to express to you, Mr. McLean, and you, Mr. Sifton, and to all the members of the National Committee and to the sponsors of the Fund, my sincere gratitude for the work you have carried on to collect money and clothing to aid the people of the Soviet Union who suffer great privations and hardships caused by the war against Hitlerite Germany, the worst enemy of all freedom-loving people.

I wish also to express my gratitude to the chairman and members of the provincial and local committees and to all the contributors to the Fund who thus helped the population of the Soviet Union.

With satisfaction I notice that a number of Canadian newspapers and especially the Toronto Daily Star, have done a great deal to insure the successful progress of the Campaign and to supply more correct information about the situation in the Soviet Union.

The heroic struggle of the Soviet people and their privations have called forth among the people of the democratic countries of the world feelings of sympathy and the wish to aid our people in this struggle.

The active participation of the people of Canada in raising money and in the collection of clothing to aid the population of the Soviet Union is primarily an expression of solidarity with the peoples of the U.S.S.R. It is an indication of the growth of mutual understanding between the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and Canada. It shows the strengthening of the fighting alliance between Great Britain, U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. in the struggle against Hitlerite Germany.

I hardly need to detail to you the great sufferings of the Soviet people. The Canadian newspapers have written much about this, but the most vivid description of these privations cannot tell all that the population of our country has to endure.

Millions of our people have left their homes, places where they had lived almost all their lives and have gone to the interior of the country.

Millions of people in the Ukraine, in White Russia and other regions still live under the yoke of the German invaders and they await liberation.

It is difficult to describe the monstrous crimes of the German invaders in the districts liberated by the Red Army.

Recently there was appointed an Extraordinary State Commission to investigate the crimes of the German invaders and their associates, and to ascertain the damages caused by them to citizens, collective-farms, public organizations, state enterprises, churches and institutions of the U.S.S.R. A report has been issued on what was found in Viazma, Gzatsk, Sychevka and Rzev. It states that the Germany army has followed a policy of systematic extermina-

tion of peaceful Soviet citizens, women, children, old folk, sending the able-bodied population to German slave-camps and demolishing towns and villages. As an example of these monstrous crimes I wish to cite the following figures:

Towns	Number of buildings before the German occupation	Number of buildings left
Rzev	5,443	495
Viazma	5,500	50
Gzatsk	1,600	300
Sychevka	1,000	230

In the Sychevka district alone, the Germans burned down 137 villages out of 248.

In the liberated districts you can understand that the population suffers great hardships, being deprived of houses, food and the most necessary things for the maintenance of life.

For twenty-two months the Red Army has been waging the war of liberation against the Hitlerite hordes.

During this period the German military machine has sustained heavy losses in manpower and materials.

During the past five months the Red Army inflicted a number of serious defeats on the German invaders: at Stalingrad, in the Northern Caucasus near Rostov on the Don, in the districts of Voronezh, Kursk, Rzev, Velikie Luki, near Leningrad and in other sectors of the front.

Despite the heavy blows which have been dealt the enemy's armies, the strength of Hitlerite Germany has not yet been broken. Though Germany's manpower resources are being lowered, we must not forget that Hitler has at his disposal the manpower and material resources of almost the whole of western Europe. He is now feverishly preparing his own new armies and the armies of his allies and he is forcing the population of the occupied countries to produce the death-dealing weapons and other materials for war. We must realize that it is the multi-million, well-armed Hitlerite army which constitutes the main part of the German military machine. This still challenges us.

With the help of this huge land army Hitler has succeeded in conquering Western Europe which is his bridgehead for aerial attacks on Great Britain and for expanding the submarine war by which he aims to destroy the communication and supply lines of the Allies.

The destruction of the Hitlerite land-army would mean the undermining of the military might of Germany.

This task can be fulfilled by the Allies in joint offensive actions on the European Continent.

Along the tremendous front from the Arctic Ocean to the shores of the Black Sea and in the rear of the enemy, fierce fighting is going on in the Soviet Union.

The glorious patriots—Russians, Ukrainians, White Russians, Uzbeks, Georgians, Armenians and representatives of the other nationalities of the U.S.S.R. are sacrificing their lives for the defence of freedom and independence.

In the rear of the enemy, in the forests of White Russia, and in the steppes of the Ukraine, the glorious guerillas, men and women, are annihilating the German invaders, blowing up bridges and derailing the trains bearing ammunition and foodstuffs for the German army.

The Soviet people are doing their best to accelerate the destruction of the enemy, to expell the invaders from their soil. They want to resume a peaceful and happy life in the family of the peoples of the U.S.S.R.

The Red Army faces a grim struggle. The war continues unceasingly and daily it brings much suffering to our civilian population.

The peoples of the U.S.S.R. know about the Canadian aid and are deeply grateful to the people of Canada for this help.

I take the liberty to express the hope that the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, which has done a great work during this campaign, will continue its activity in the same way that committees in Great Britain and United States are doing, and render help to the peoples of the U.S.S.R. in the future.

(Sgd.) FEODOR GOUSEV

PRESENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES CANADIAN AID TO RUSSIA FUND

The question of present and future activities of the Fund was considered at great length by the meetings of Directors held on the 15th and 16th April, 1943, and many suggestions were thoroughly canvassed. The conclusion arrived at by the Board of Directors was set forth in a resolution, unanimously adopted and reading:

“That the activities to be carried on by the Fund during the Summer and Early Fall be as follows:

1. The licensing of special events in aid of the Fund.
2. The acceptance and acknowledgment as usual of unsolicited contributions and proceeds from special events.
3. Purchase, collection and shipment of relief goods.
4. Collection and shipment of contributed clothing so long as the amount and suitability of clothing being received at each depot shall warrant its continuation.
5. On account of the Dominion Government policy of confining philanthropic campaigns to certain definite periods and on account of the fact that the period allotted to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund for its recent campaign has terminated, there will be no newspaper or radio promotion of the Fund (including clothing collection).
6. On account of the fact that the Charter of the Fund authorizes only the solicitation of contributions and gifts and the purchase and shipment of articles for the relief of human suffering, no educational activities may be carried on.”