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SOVIET GRATEFUL FOR FUNDS GIVEN DURING CAMPAIGN

Hamilton, Dundas Citizens Contributed Heavily in Cash, Clothing.

The Canadian Aid to Russia Fund received this week a message of appreciation from Dr. Kolesnikov, president of the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The cable, transmitted by Feodor Gousev, minister plenipotentiary from the U.S.S.R. to Canada, is as follows:

"Request you to convey our sincere gratitude to Mr. McLean, chairman National Committee Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, and to all members of the committee for their successful work in collecting money for aid to the Soviet Union. The Red Cross Society of the U.S. S.R. highly appreciate the fraternal help of the people of Canada to the Soviet people in its struggle against our common enemy, the Hitlerite Germany. Signed by president executive committee Union Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies U.S.S.R., Dr. Kolesnikov."

J. S. McLean, on behalf of the national committee, in reply, said the fund raised in Canada was an expression of the great admiration and warmth Canadians felt toward the heroic peoples of the Soviet. He said in part:

"Admire Valour. We are grateful for the Soviets' heroic achievements in destroying our common enemy and deeply sympathize with the great suffering of the Soviet peoples. The Canadian people believe that the combined efforts of the United Nations will destroy the Nazis and Fascists and will rebuild a world on the basis of peace and mutual respect. We look forward to a deepening friendship and understanding between Canadian and Soviet peoples." Contributions to date in Canada amount to \$2,682,000 in cash and \$779,730 in clothing, making a grand total to date of \$3,461,730. In Hamilton more than \$73,000 was contributed in cash, or \$33,000. More than the original objective of \$40,000, and in addition, 60 bales of clothing were donated.

Dundas Board Reports at the final meeting of the Dundas coordinating board, Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, the chairman, Mrs. J.J. Grafton, thanked the members for their efforts during the campaign. The secretary, J.W. McNab, reported the collection of 22 cases of used and new clothing for the fund, and expressed the thanks of the board to M.T. Sullivan, shipper of the Grafton Company for the splendid and efficient manner in which the clothing was packed for shipment. Thanks also were expressed to Gordon Anslow for his cooperation organizing the board. The treasurer, E.S. Porteous ... expressed the thanks of the board to all organizations and individuals and had helped to make the campaign a success.