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CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETYNOVA SCOTIA DIVISIONOUTPOST STATISTICS FOR 1940

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In-patients80.....

Out-patients treated at hospital..10....

Out-patients treated at home.....6....

Out-patients treated at Clinics.....77....

Collective Hospital Days.....1,112.....

Operations..No.major.operations.-.5.minor

Deaths.....3.....

Births at Outposts.....10.....

Births at Home.....2.....

Schools inspected.....---

Children examined.....---

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5,000 Cases of canned and evaporated apples.
8 Barrels wheels for stretchers

33 Bales Mattresses
192 Crates of tables, bedside benches, bedsteads, etc.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 1940.
CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION.

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At the end of the year there were 98 Charter Branches and working under them 410 Auxiliaries with a total membership of 45,469. These groups were responsible for raising \$222,496.73 during the National War Appeal, or \$22,000.00 over the objective.

Due to the geographical location the Division has been extremely busy in all phases of War work. In space donated by the Harbors Board our Shipping centre at Pier 2 has been very busy and handled 1680 cases for overseas, containing hospital supplies and field comforts. The Pier was the distributing centre for 129,801 issues given to men of the Allied Navies, Merchant Marine, Army and Air Force Units. The greater portion of these supplies were received from National Office and Branches throughout Canada. Other shipments, such as equipment for Taplow Hospital, and 5,000 cases of canned and evaporated apples, were handled by the Pier Staff.

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The women of the Province have been very busy making supplies for shipment Overseas to the Armed Forces and Military Hospitals, as well as comforts for local Units in training, local Military Hospitals, bombed victims overseas, and Territorials. 408 cases containing 109,837 field comforts and 33,828 hospital supplies were made by the women of Nova Scotia and shipped overseas, with a combined value of \$79,258.55. In addition 233 cases "For Relief" containing quilts, miscellaneous clothing, and bedding, valued at \$7,573.20, were shipped. 12,062 issues were given by Branches to Military Hospitals, Army and Navy Units, Merchant Marine, and the Air Force, while 18,186 issues were made by the Divisional Office. Other miscellaneous articles such as curtains and rods, chairs, tables, china, silverware and radios, were given to local Military Hospitals by the Divisional Office. Hospital equipment, such as an electric food conveyor, instrument sterilizer, and hospital chairs were made available by National Office. All told the workers in the Province made 282,260 articles for distribution both overseas and in Canada, and 156,285 surgical dressings.

At the end of the school year June 1940 there were 1574 active Junior Red Cross Branches with a membership of 48,877. Of these eight were High School Branches. At the end of December 1940 there were 1760 Branches and 55,999 members; of these 45 were High School Branches. During the school year 17 Clinics for Crippled Children were held and a total of 394 patients examined. The expenditure for hospitalization, braces, and Clinics, totalled \$1,750.00, and with the exception of \$269.00 all of this amount was contributed by Junior Branches. The Juniors are taking an active part in War work and beside helping Senior Branches in as many ways as possible with the making of knitted comforts, are promoting the sale of War Saving Stamps and Certificates.

107 Portfolios and letters passed through Provincial Office and were received from fifteen countries. Despite the extra calls made on the Juniors, Branches more than doubled their donations to the Crippled Children's Fund.

During the Appeal for Ambulances, eight were contributed through the Nova Scotia Division, while the Appeal for wool blankets resulted in 2,842 being collected.

The Seaport Nursery, while deprived of its original quarters, continued to be active, especially in meeting guest children and their mothers arriving from England. Twenty-five ships, bearing 5,346 women and children were met and 650 quarts of milk and 450 lbs. of biscuits were supplied them. Fruit, sweets, magazines, games, etc., were given the children. Blankets were loaned to the Railways carrying children to their destination in Central and Western Canada. A total of 870 articles were supplied to guest children settling in the Province.

Due to the number of men in the Forces in the Province, the work of the Hospital Visitors Committee has been increased considerably. Weekly visits are paid to all Military and Naval Hospitals and cigarettes, tobacco, sweets, fruit, and knitted comforts are supplied to the patients, the latter only when necessary and is not a weekly treat. At Christmas time each patient received a pair of gloves or a pair of socks, in addition to the weekly treat.

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Cod Liver Oil and 21,370 quarts of milk were distributed to under-nourished children. Eye glasses, orthopedic appliances, tonsil operations, special medicines, layettes, bedding and clothing were supplied, and Clinics of various natures held.

The Home Nursing Classes showed a decided increase over the previous year. In the past year 47 classes with a membership of 1,321 were reported. Classes sponsored by the Provincial Government continue to use the Red Cross Manual.

The Outpost Hospital at Guysboro opened during Feb. 1940 had a most busy year, with 90 persons being admitted for hospitalization and treatment. Total number of hospital days amount to 1112, (statistics attached).

Again, at the request of the Department of Education, and in cooperation with the Provincial Government, the Red Cross groups in the Province undertook to clothe needy school children in the rural communities. Articles of clothing and footwear were distributed throughout the Province. In addition 451 lbs. of yarn were sent to Branches to be made into knitted articles and quantities of used clothing sent from Provincial Office to Branches and Auxiliaries to be cut up and remade into garments for school children.

List of Officers for 1941:

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680	"	Non "	"
18,750	yds.	Unbleached	Cotton
13,567	"	Pillow	Cotton
138	"	Unbleached	Cotton
20,967	"	Unbleached	Cotton
4,972	"	Unbleached	Cotton
9,800	"	Unbleached	Cotton
37,497	"	Unbleached	Cotton
3,669	"	Unbleached	Cotton
1,318	"	Unbleached	Cotton
1,087	"	Unbleached	Cotton
4,117	"	Unbleached	Cotton
1,421	"	Unbleached	Cotton
816	"	Unbleached	Cotton
81,000	lbs.	Unbleached	Cotton

Approximate cost of goods: \$150,000.00

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Since the declaration of War, and up to Dec. 31st., 1940, the following materials have been purchased by Branches and Auxiliaries and Provincial Office:

32,354 yds.	Gauze
9,820 "	Cheesecloth
905 lbs.	Carpet Warp
23,330 yds.	Unbleached Cotton
528 "	Khaki Cotton
72½ "	Turkey Red
1,207 lbs.	Absorbent Cotton
680 "	Non " "
18,750 yds.	Unbleached Sheetting
13,567 "	Pillow Cotton
821 "	Canton Flannel
20,967 "	Cotton Twill
4,972 "	Blue Eiderdown
9,800 "	Figured Eiderdown
37,497 "	Flannelette
3,669 "	Marblehead Suiting
1,318 "	Khaki Nainsook
1,087 "	Quilted Padding
4,117 "	Towelling
1,244 "	Ticking
83,618 "	Tape
81,000 lbs.	Yarn, or 40½ Tons.

Approximate Cost of Above: \$150,000.00.

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REPORT OF PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FOR PERIOD ENDING DEC. 31st, 1940.

Mr. Chairman, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen. When arrangements were made over a year ago with the National Harbours Board whereby they would permit the Red Cross to establish an Overseas Shipping Centre at one of the Government-owned Piers, it was not dreamed that the volume of goods shipped Overseas would be nearly as large as they have been. Since the day the first Overseas shipment was made, 1589 cases have passed through the Halifax warehouse and were transported Overseas.

In addition 50,000 cases of canned and evaporated applies passed through our hands. Contained in the above mentioned cases were Hospital Supplies, Field Comforts, Hospital Equipment, and Clothing for relief of bombed areas in England.

Of the total number of cases shipped 408 contained hospital supplies and field comforts made by the workers in Nova Scotia. These cases contained 143,665 articles valued at \$79,238.55. In addition 233 cases of refugee clothing and bedding valued at over \$7500.00 were shipped. An itemized list of the articles made in Nova Scotia and shipped overseas are as follows: (see reverse side).

As well as being the Shipping centre for overseas cases, our Warehouse has also been a distributing depot for thousands of articles to men of the Allied Navies and Merchant Marine. Comforts for distribution of this nature have been received from all parts of Canada, and from some sections of the United States. The method of distribution and the number of supplies distributed will be reported by the Chairman of that Committee, Mr. H. C. Murphy.

The Express Companies continue to give us their generous support and cooperation and continue to carry our goods anywhere in the Province at no charge. The Freight Companies kindly carry our supplies anywhere in Canada without charge. In this connection I would like to bring to the attention of those present a request received from both the C.P.R. and C.N.R. Express Companies, in which they ask that Branches confine their shipments via Express to less than 50 lbs. in weight; otherwise the Red Cross will have to pay for shipments that are in excess of this limit. Branches and Auxiliaries are therefore asked to please comply with this regulation in order that transportation costs may be kept to a minimum. In a good many instances arrangements have been made with Bus Companies in the Province whereby goods are carried from Provincial Office to the Branch, and return, at no cost to the Society. This also applies to one of our Coastal Steamship Lines. In appreciation of the service that has been given by the above Organizations, I would like to move a vote of thanks to the Steamship Company officials, Railway officials, and officials of the National Harbours Board, for their willingness to cooperate and assist the Red Cross in any way possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. GORDON,

Chairman,
Provincial Transportation Committee.

Total Number of Cases, Knitted
Supplies etc. sent Overseas
Via Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia
As from Jan. 1st. to Dec. 31st. 1940.

1039 Cases from Provinces outside of Nova Scotia.

408 Cases from Provincial Red Cross Nova Scotia.

ARTICLE	QUANTITY	VALUE
Caps, Balaciava	656	\$ 328.00
Gloves, prs.	62	18.60
Helmets	798	239.40
Knee Caps prs.	408	122.40
Mitts Wool prs.	3140	942.00
Scarves, Army	11858	7707.70
Socks, Army, prs.	64763	37562.54
Socks, Seamen short prs.	600	450.00
Socks, Seamen long, prs.	258	258.00
Sweaters V. Neck	21939	19745.10
Wristlets prs.	5355	803.25
Total Knitted Articles	109,837	\$ 68176.99

Hospital Supplies Sent Overseas
from Nova Scotia, Jan. 1st.
to December 31st, 1940.

Abdominal Binders	2268	544.32
Bath Robes	132	250.80
Bed Gowns	3822	2369.64
Bed Jackets	294	279.30
Bed Pads	1200	360.00
Bed Pan Covers	1015	142.10
Bed Socks, prs.	74	42.92
Caps Surgical	96	9.60
Dressing Gowns	56	106.40
Ice Bag Covers	1248	124.80
Hampton Pads	755	226.50
Handkerchiefs	2844	142.20
Hospital Gowns	216	133.92
Hot Water Bottle Covers	290	29.00
Mattress Pads	216	75.60
Pneumonia Jackets	1974	1184.40
Pillow Cases	6732	1548.36
Pyjama Suits	1632	2040.00
Sheets Hospital	784	627.20
Stockings Operating	63	47.25
Surgical Towels	1174	199.58
T. Bandages	648	64.80
Tri Bandages	5952	476.16
Towels	103	17.51
Wash Cloths	240	19.20
Total Number Hospital Supplies	33,828	\$ 11061.56

Refugee and Relief Clothing
Shipped Overseas from Nova Scotia.
From Jan. 1st. to Dec. 31st, 1940.

233 Cases containing Quilts, Bedding, clothing etc. \$ 7573.20

Miscellaneous Shipments Via
Port of Halifax, from Jan. 1st. to December 31st, 1940.

- 4 Cases of wool to Port of Spain, Trinidad
- 2 Bales of cotton " " " "
- 2 Cases of wool " " " "
- 374 Crates of mattresses, bed, pillows etc.
- 185 Crates of Tables, Bedside Screens and Stretchers
- 192 Crates of Tables, Bedside Screens, Stretchers etc.
- 33 Bales Mattresses
- 8 Barrels wheels for stretchers
- 5,000 Cases of canned and evaporated apples.

NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION
ANNUAL HOSPITAL VISITORS REPORT

FEB 20 1941

The War brings a great increase in the number of men in our three fighting Services, and with these a corresponding increase in Hospital beds and their occupants, and our Visitors on this Committee at present number eighteen, a faithful and hard working band of Halifax women, who never spare themselves in bringing cheer and comfort to the sick men.

Weekly visits are paid to the Hospitals at Camp Hill, Cogswell Street Military Station, and the Naval Hospital, and the treat provided by the Red Cross is distributed; a share of the treat is duly forwarded from Camp Hill to the Isolation ward at Rockhead.

Dartmouth Red Cross will report upon what they do for the Nova Scotia Hospital, and military patients at Kentville are most kindly cared for by the local Red Cross Branch. As we reported last year, games, radies, and anything that would help to shorten tedious hours for a sick man, would be most thankfully received, and if sent to the Red Cross Office we will distribute them where they will do the most good.

Magazines and illustrated papers are collected and with the help of the Magazine Committee we always have a good supply. French books and papers are scarce, but our Visitors are clever in filling individual needs, even in papers in other languages.

The number of patients of course varies from week to week: at Christmas we prepared for eight hundred, but the actual number was nearer seven hundred, including one hundred men on Lawlor's Island, who were very kindly visited by our Commissioner.

At Christmas the special Red Cross Gift to each Veteran, was a pair of soft Bedroom Slippers; with woollen gloves to each soldier, and warm socks to each sailor and Airman, cigarettes and a Christmas-tree-bag of candy, nuts and raisins completed each gift and they were very much appreciated.

We also held our customary party on the evening of Remembrance Day, with music, ice-cream and cakes, and at Christmas, doughnuts and fruit-cake were provided by the Visitors.

A list of the weekly treats for 14 months, that is from Nov. 1st, 1939 to December 31st, 1940 is appended;

Cigarettes	5592 pkts.	Slippers	42 prs.
Tobacco	332 pkgs.	Plums	1 crate
Ice cream	474½ qts.	Moirs Chocolates	24 boxes
" " cones	32 boxes	" Candy	320 lbs.
Apples	21 bbls. & 15 hampers	The 800 Christmas bags	
Oranges	4½ crates	contained;	
Bananas	512 lbs.	120 lbs. Moirs candy	
Grapes	6 crates	40 lbs. Nuts	
Gloves	384 prs.	40 lbs. raisins	
Socks	384 prs.	5 Yardley Shaving boxes for	
		bedridden patients.	

This report is respectfully submitted.

MARGARET S. BROWN
Convenor of Committee.

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Jan. 29, 1941

CIVILIAN EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION

FEB 20 1941

On the walls of the Provincial Office of the Red Cross in Halifax hangs a metal case containing a first aid supply set. Like the flag insignia itself this ever ready box is symbolical of the life of the Red Cross. Its glory and its genius lies in emergency service. It is keyed to the hour of accident and catastrophe. Its skill lies in dealing with crises. "Alert" is written on its banner. It is the life-guard of the nation. The authority, promptitude and efficiency of its service has become a public faith. In that faith the people trust. Come war, come fire, come famine, come flood, they know the Red Cross will answer the first alarm.

Thus it occasioned no surprise when at the outbreak of War the Department of Defence wired the Red Cross Society its request to set up an appropriate disaster service in all vulnerable areas in Canada in order that the country might be able to cope with any emergency whether arising from war causes or otherwise.

Because of its geographical position and its special war responsibilities Nova Scotia is recognized as Canada's first line of defence, and of danger. No one doubts that should opportunity occur the enemy would lose no chance to cripple the facilities of this Province and its vital ports whether by air raid, incendiary bomb, munition blast or sabotage. That Nova Scotia is essentially a war-zone was in the mind of the National Council when it decided to defray any reasonable expenditures for preparedness in this area, and for the emergency case of victims of attack.

As a consequence the Nova Scotia Division has set up a provincial organization with comprehensive plans covering rescue work, human service such as the provision of emergency food clothing and shelter, medical relief and transportation. In addition it has enrolled large numbers of citizens pledged to serve in any emergency which may arise.

The Province has been divided into 15 areas. Naturally the so-called vulnerable points have been the first to receive attention. Organization has already been effected in Halifax, Dartmouth, Woodside, Rockingham, Prince's Lodge, Birch Cove, Bedford, Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, and Glace Bay. Responsible committees will be set up in other areas as rapidly as possible.

Some of the work done may be briefly indicated. First there was the preparation and distribution of volunteer registration forms, 25,000 of these were printed and distributed in the Halifax area, and 50,000 more prepared for Sydney and St. John. The classification and carding of this army of volunteers entailed a great deal of work. Then there was the compiling of a disaster manual of instructions for the guidance of committees. Surveys of resources were made and representations made to the National Office as to the local requirements. As a result four mobile operating units equipped with surgical supplies, stretchers, drugs and serums, were sent to this Division, as well as boxes and bales of blankets, bedding, and other requisites have been assembled in strategic centres. In addition two further mobile operating suites and quantities of supplies have been stored in Moncton, and a transport system organized and standing ready at a moment's notice to rush supplies to a scene of need. As a result of further representations on the part of this Division surgical supplies to the value of \$15,000 have been allocated to the Maritimes and will be quickly at hand. Important as are supplies and facilities, success in disaster relief depends largely upon competent personnel. Many meetings have been held, committees organized and instructed, conferences held with authorities, and fullest cooperation has been forthcoming from business executives to bicycle boys. Of special interest has been the service pledged by members of the labour unions—a unique feature of Canadian disaster organization. Some idea of the work involved may be gained by reference to the single case of emergency medical division. This division embraces seven separate committees, each in charge of a doctor. Among their duties are the selection and designation of emergency shelters for hospitals and dressing stations, the organization of nursing services, and a blood donor registration clinic. The latter has already tested and typed hundreds of volunteers. It is hoped that there may be no need for any or all of these services, but the nation has asked for preparedness and the Red Cross has answered the call.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS - NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1939 - 40

FEB 20 1941

Mr. President and Members of the Provincial Council:

This report covers the period September 1939 to August 31, 1940 - and therefore cannot include the activities and greatly increased membership since school closed last June.

At the end of the school year 1939-1940, there were 1574 active Branches with a membership of 48,877. This is an increase of 510 Branches and 16,839 members over the previous year. Every county increased its enrolment.

There were 8 Branches and 460 members in Grades nine to twelve inclusive. This does not include Junior High and High School members in rural and graded schools who are enrolled in the general group.

A total of 82 schools were organized ten or more successive years.

WORK FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

During the year 49 children were cared for through the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Fund, classified as follows:

Orthopedic	20	Fitted with glasses	29
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Seventeen clinics for crippled children were held at the following eleven centres: Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay (2), New Waterford, Truro, Windsor, Kentville, Middleton, Digby, Antigonish and New Glasgow. A total of 394 patients were examined of whom 112 were new. Of these exactly one half were under six years of age. The youngest patient was seven weeks old. Expenditure for hospitalization, braces and Clinics totaled \$1750.00. Of this amount all but \$269.00 was contributed by Junior Red Cross Branches.

HEALTH

Just after war was declared the National Director of Junior Red Cross gave a message to Canadian Juniors. It included this paragraph:

"How can you help? First of all, by being more vigilant than ever to keep yourselves and others in good health. A sick person is of very little use to his country, either now or in the years to come."

The late Lord Tweedsmuir emphasized that a high standard of public health was one of the first lines of home defense. Public Health officials urge the practise of health habits. This is the first obligation of a member of Junior Red Cross. One of the twelve Junior Red Cross health rules is "Use a handkerchief over the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing" for it has been truly said that "The man with a concealed weapon is dangerous but the man with an uncovered cough is deadly."

We find Branches taking more interest in proper food, lighting, ventilation, posture and other matters conducive to improved personal and school health. The following paragraph, taken from a Branch Annual Report, is typical:

"We had an organized "Health Activity" each week. Older members made a study of foods, essential to health and their value in vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates, minerals and water. We learned some every day "First Aid" under the supervision and direction of our teacher."

Junior Red Cross publications such as "School Health" - Volumes 1 & 2, "Accident Prevention and Elementary First Aid" and "Health in the Home and Community" are available to aid Branches in their quest for health.

Perhaps one of the most important and far-reaching results of Junior Red Cross is summed up in the ever increasing reports of a happier atmosphere in the schools, courtesy and thought of others--that is mental health.

SERVICE

Shortly after war was declared contributions started to come in for what was called the "Soldiers' Fund." When the call came for ambulances for the British Red Cross Society we were able to wire \$250.00 toward the four supplied by Canadian Juniors. (over)

When the urgent request came for blankets for refugees Nova Scotia Juniors responded with both blankets and money to buy them.

Despite these extra calls Branches more than doubled their donations to the "Crippled Children's Fund." Much of this money was earned and saved and sacrificed, and some of it was raised by group effort.

In addition to the work for handicapped children and the support of special funds money was raised for local purposes--both for the school and community, many needy and ill were remembered and Junior patients in various hospitals were sent gifts.

The following report is from a school with 23 Branches, Grades 1-9 inclusive, and was accompanied by a cheque for \$25.00 for the Crippled Children's Fund:

For Crippled Children's Fund.....	\$75.00
Supported a Tubercular Junior in an Annex for 11 months.....	349.00
Contributed to an invalid former Junior.....	15.00
Christmas gifts to underprivileged children.....	7.50
Sale of poppies for Canadian Legion.....	37.37
Sale of tickets for Red Cross.....	51.00
Sale of tickets for Red Cross Concert.....	29.75
Contributed toward Canadian Legion Fund.....	19.82
	<u>\$584.44</u>

Soon after war started Juniors began to knit and sew for the soldiers. Members in small rural schools, isolated and far from a Senior Branch, are working as well as those in the cities and towns. Some of the socks, mitts and other articles are obviously knit from home grown yarn, representing a real labor of love and probably considerable sacrifice. Some fine socks are knit by boys as well as girls.

Garments for refugees are also being made also quilts, afghans, etc. Senior Red Cross Branches or other organizations have sometimes helped the Juniors to quilt. This unity of interest has meant a great deal to community war effort.

While the War Savings Campaign came late in the school year we find Branches interested and active--encouraging Thrift, school saving and promotion of outside sales.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLINESS

During the year 107 Portfolios and letters passed through Provincial Office. Thirty-two of these were received from the following 13 countries:

Denmark, Norway, Australia, Scotland, Greece, France, United States, Sweden, Japan, Latvia, India, England, and Canada. While exchanges with some European countries are necessarily suspended, we look forward to increased contacts with the United States and Southern countries.

Following is an extract from a letter sent by a Nova Scotia Branch acknowledging a Portfolio exchange with a Branch in Birmingham, England:

"Let us try to live up to our motto "I Serve" and practise the rules of the Junior Red Cross which will enable us to keep our health and thus become good citizens of our respective countries.

"We also add our profound admiration to you for the way you are standing up in the present crisis."

This year Nova Scotia Juniors contributed \$2.20 towards the Junior Red Cross plot in the International Peace Garden on the border between Canada and the United States.

THE Magazine and NEWS LETTER

The Canadian Red Cross Junior and Nova Scotia News Letter was sent to all Branches each month.

Our magazine circulation increased considerably, over 44,000 copies being sold by circulation managers. This is over 10,000 more than for the previous year or an average gain of over 1000 per month.

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The total cost of magazines to the Division was \$26.44. This includes cost of magazines, freight, cartage and postage.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Branches paid \$565.96 toward the cost of their supplies and their Branch magazine.

The Provincial Junior Red Cross Committee with Dr. Henry F. Munro, Superintendent of Education as Chairman, met four times during the year.

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS TO JUNIOR RED CROSS SPECIAL FUNDS

Crippled Children's Fund.....	\$1153.54
Soldiers' Fund.....	492.98
Refugee Fund.....	49.32
International Peace Garden.....	2.20
	<u>\$1698.04</u>

HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES

High School students are one of the most important groups in our country today, some say the most important. During Peace-Time numbers of high schools had Branches of Junior Red Cross and carried on commendable activities. Since war started organization has greatly increased and we look forward to the enthusiastic help of thousands of these young people in carrying out our three fold programme for Health, Service and Good Citizenship. They are eager to serve and can through Junior Red Cross find a very practical channel for the expression of real patriotism.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report we wish to thank all those who have helped Junior Red Cross in Nova Scotia during the past year. We pay particular tribute to the teachers in our province who conduct the Branches in their activities, Dr. T. B. Acker for his devoted work at our Clinics, and who with his brother Dr. J. C. Acker continues to care for our crippled patients in hospital, to the many voluntary helpers who have come to our assistance in the office, and to the Press whose generous and well written news items and articles present Junior Red Cross to the reading public, the children particularly enjoying their own news.

Before we meet again at our Annual Meeting we trust that there will have come "Peace on Earth". In the meantime Juniors will work beside Seniors, forgetting self, in the great task which lies ahead.

Elizabeth O. R. Browne
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Director of Junior Red Cross.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
For Fifteen Months Ending Dec. 31, 1940

Since we last gathered for an Annual Meeting we have had the misfortune to lose some of our valuable workers. It is with regret that I refer to the passing of Mr. J. C. Gass, who was a very active worker for the Red Cross and was for many years President of the Nova Scotia Division. Mr. J. M. Brady, Provincial Campaign Chairman in 1939, was transferred by his Firm to Central Canada, and in his place was appointed Mr. R. L. Dunsmore. Mr. L. D. Murray, one-time Hon. Treasurer of the Society, found it necessary to give up his work in the Red Cross owing to ill health, and was succeeded by Mr. A. F. McAlpine. However, Mr. McAlpine was transferred to another part of Canada, and our present Treasurer is Mr. C. E. Mackenzie.

All phases of Red Cross work have grown tremendously in the past year. At the end of 1940 we had recorded 98 Chartered Branches and 410 Auxiliaries, with a membership of over 45,000: an increase of 59 Branches, 397 Auxiliaries, and 29,000 members since our last Annual Meeting.

Two National Appeals for funds have been held since the previous Annual Meeting. In the Appeal of 1939, \$40,000.00 was raised over and above our objective of \$100,000.00; while in the 1940 Campaign, \$222,000.00 was realized, or \$22,000.00 over our objective.

Special mention should be made of the publicity, under the direction of the Provincial Chairman, Mr. R. J. Rankin. The newspapers in every part of the Province, and the Broadcasting Stations, played a prominent part in the success of the two Appeals. Much credit must be given to members of our Branches and Auxiliaries, also members of the National Advisory Committee, who worked untiringly in order that the Campaigns would be successful.

During the year in review we were favored with a visit by Dr. F. W. Routley, the National Commissioner; Mrs. Wallace Campbell, National Chairman of the Work Committee; two visits by the Assistant National Commissioner, Mr. W. J. Cairns, who is in charge of Disaster Preparedness in Canada.

In order to be as prepared as possible in the event of a Disaster or an Emergency arising, Emergency Preparedness Committees have been organized in some of the more vulnerable spots throughout the Province. Quantities of surgical dressings, hospital supplies, knitted articles, blankets, mattresses and pillows, have been placed at the centres to be on hand if and when needed. Working in close cooperation with the Provincial A.R.P. Committee, blankets and medical supplies have been furnished them.

The National Office shipped four Mobile Operating Units to Nova Scotia to be used in areas most likely to suffer from War activities. The Units are quite complete and contain drugs, surgical instruments, operating table, stretcher and lamp.

277 Nurses enrolled for War or Emergency Service in Nova Scotia, of which 19 have been taken on for Military Duty and three placed in Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax. Our quota was set at 175.

The Nova Scotia Division was instrumental in securing a grant of \$60,000.00 from our National Office in order to establish Hostels for men of the Services in the Halifax Area. One of our Branches raised \$2,500.00 towards the building of a Recreational Centre for the troops.

Our Shipping Centre and Distributing Depot for comforts to men of the Navies and Merchant Marine at Pier 2 has been a hive of activity. Thousands of articles made in the Province have been shipped Overseas, and an equally large number of comforts have been given to Allied Seamen of all types.

Junior Red Cross has made tremendous gains in the Province, and Junior members are busily engaged in assisting Senior Branches in as many ways as possible, and in carrying out their own threefold program of Health, Service, and International Friendliness.

Women from all parts of the Province are untiring in their work, turning out thousands of field comforts, hospital supplies, and surgical dressings, as their contribution to the War effort. The total number of articles completed is indeed a staggering one, and will be dealt with more fully by the Provincial Chairman of the Work Committee.

The Appeal for Ambulances made by National Office during the middle of the year resulted in eight being donated by individuals or Organizations in Nova Scotia, while the Appeal for Wool Blankets resulted in 2842 being collected.

The Seaport Nursery, while deprived of its original quarters, continued to be active, particularly in greeting Guest Children arriving from England. Milk, tea, biscuits, fruit, magazines and games were supplied the newcomers to Canada, and they were made welcome by our Seaport Nursery Committee, who in some cases worked far into the night making sure every child had received attention.

Blankets were loaned to the railways carrying children to their destinations in central and western Canada. A total of 870 articles of footwear and clothing have been supplied Guest Children settling in our Province.

The visits of our Hospital Committee have been increased many fold due to the concentration of troops in the Province. Branches where Military Hospitals are located have their workers visit the men in Hospital every week, carrying sweets, fruit and cigarettes. Extra treats are provided for the men at Christmas time.

Branches gave a total of 475 hospital supplies to Military Hospitals in their immediate vicinity, and one Branch managed to secure at no charge a few radios, which were given to the Hospital to brighten the Hospital atmosphere. 11,587 knitted comforts were given to local troops, men of the Merchant Marine, and Air Force, by Branches and Auxiliaries having Military Outposts or Camps near their Community.

A great many enquiries have been received from our groups in the Province concerning prisoners-of-war, and the sending of messages to relatives in enemy or enemy-occupied countries. These enquiries, when properly completed, have been passed on to our National Office for transmission to Switzerland, and a goodly number of answers have been received through the International Red Cross Committee, Geneva.

The Branches continued their Peace-time Programs and 146 quarts of Cod Liver Oil and 21,370 quarts of milk were distributed to undernourished children. Eye glasses, Orthopedic Appliances, tonsil operations, special medicines, layettes, bedding, and clothing were supplied, and Clinics of various natures held.

The Home Nursing Classes show a decided increase over the year 1939, and in the past year 47 Classes with a membership of 1321 members were reported. The Home Nursing Classes sponsored by the Provincial Government continue to use the Manual prepared by the Red Cross.

The Outpost Hospital at Guysboro, opened during February 1940, had a most busy year, with 90 persons being admitted for hospitalization and treatment. Total number of Hospital days amounted to 1110.

At the urgent request of the Department of Education, and in cooperation with the Provincial Government, the Red Cross groups in the Province undertook to cloth needy school children in the rural communities. Since October 15th, 1939, Provincial School Children received 6392 articles of clothing and footwear, and 451 lbs. of yarn were sent to Branches to be made into knitted articles. This is in addition to the quantities of used clothing sent from Provincial Office to Branches and Auxiliaries to be cut up and remade into garments for school children.

At this time I would like to thank the many volunteers who have contributed so much of their time to assisting the office staff to prepare the tremendous number of Bulletins issued from time to time in order to keep the Branches and Auxiliaries posted up to the minute. Not only have these workers assisted in the office, but in other departments as well, and their kindness is greatly appreciated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. B. Wilson

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION
AND ALL OUR WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

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I have the honor to submit the first report for the Women's War Work Committee since the outbreak of war, for the year ending December 31st, 1940. As the first few months had to be devoted to setting up necessary provincial committees and to organization work throughout the Province, the attached statement covers only twelve months. The many channels through which our supplies may be requisitioned make these records seem a little confusing; but a perusal of the various reports sent from the Division office will present the facts more clearly.

The hospital supplies and knitted comforts for all the Services have been made up in numbers far exceeding all expectations and the work is of very high quality. There has been a growing desire to improve and attain the standards set by National Office. Nearly five tons of wool have been knitted by the women of Nova Scotia into more than 110,000 garments. Thousands of yards of materials have been made into more than 34,000 hospital articles, and thousands of bandages and binders of all types.

We wish to make special mention of the generous response to the appeal for supplies for victims of the bombed areas and refugees in Britain. The clothing is all beautifully made as well as serviceable, and we feel certain must be bringing much comfort and some happiness to these unfortunate people. The quilts are deserving of special mention for they are so attractive that it is hard to believe they are made mostly of cuttings and remnants. Over three thousand were shipped overseas and we are pleased to inform you that Red Cross Officials in England report that "the quilts from Nova Scotia are much appreciated". About 50,000 garments, 1300 flannelette blankets, and several lovely Afghans, shawls and rugs were contributed; and gifts of 2800 pure wool blankets shipped via Montreal for baling; the rest all packed in regular overseas cases here. Six of the Provincial Branches did some packing for overseas: Amherst, Truro, New Glasgow, Yarmouth, Windsor and Middleton, shipping a total of 132 cases.

To the Women's Institutes of this Province who are all working wholeheartedly with the Red Cross, goes the credit for the first shipment of clothing and knitted comforts for the Women Territorials of England from Canada. When the appeal came and before the Red Cross had assumed it as a national obligation, the Institutes undertook this task at their own expense. Several other organizations and friends assisted them with the result that seven large cases containing over 3000 articles of clothing were made up and sent to their provincial headquarters. The Division was pleased to contribute 200 lbs. of wool towards this work as soon as the National Office informed us that it was part of our program. Officials of the Truro Red Cross Branch provided the regulation overseas packing-cases and assisted the Institute superintendent with the packing and final shipping of these supplies. From now on all supplies for these Women Territorials will be provided with all other Red Cross supplies from the Division, and the finished articles sent into the Division warehouse, 50 Granville Street.

The making of surgical dressings was confined to a few Branches outside the City of Halifax, and due to the large quantity made up are suspended for the time being. These dressings are made in five different types and a total of 156,285 were distributed as follows: 68,840 were sent to National Headquarters for sterilization and special packing for England; 69,650 specially packaged, labelled and sterilized are being held here for disaster preparedness; 15654 were sent to the Sydney and Glace Bay areas for the same purpose; and the remainder 2365 packaged and sterilized for small Military Hospitals.

The large amount of second-hand clothing sent in by our Branches last summer which could not be sent overseas, has been diverted to meet the needs of the hundreds of children from needy families, who were out of school through the lack of sufficient clothing. This was done at the request of the Department of Education and carried out through our Red Cross Branches nearest the sections concerned, and the teachers: the latter having to supply the authorized Government forms to prove the existing needs. A quantity of suitable wool secured by the Red Cross at a low cost was also provided to knit sweaters, mitts, caps etc. Footwear and underwear had to be purchased, and at the request of the Red Cross the Provincial Government assumed half the cost: \$2000.

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The Junior Red Cross Branches to which the task of making all the wash-cloths and handkerchiefs was assigned made many other very nice articles and raised a considerable sum of money. The newly organized High School Branches are making a name for themselves and taking their work most earnestly. The boys of both organizations are rendering valuable services to many Branches.

There being no Red Cross Branch in the city of Halifax, a Special branch of the War Work Committee was set up with Mrs. R. A. Wood, as Chairman. This committee has charge of all the war work done in the city for the Society, and also attends to any emergency calls for the making of special Hospital supplies. Besides the many duties falling to the lot of the women of Halifax, they made over 14,830 knitted articles, 5688 sewn articles, 350 refugee garments, 28 quilts, and the greater bulk of the surgical dressings. They also made hundreds of samples for Branches. 2520 special articles were made for Military Hospitals.

There are six Provincial Committees necessary to look after the work coming in from the Branches and Auxiliaries. They are as follows with the Chairman of each:

Knitting Inspection and packaging:	Miss Jean Forrest.
Sewing Inspection and packaging:	Mrs. G. G. Lyall.
Surgical Dressings:	Dr. J. M. Stewart R. N.
Refugee & Bombed Victim Supplies:	Mrs. H. R. McCaughan.
Women's Auxiliary Territorials:	Mrs. C. E. Fader.
Overseas Packing:	Mrs. G. F. Murphy.

The task of meeting the requirements of our Branches and Auxiliaries by correspondence requires a full time secretary, and this work is being most efficiently performed by Mrs. F. A. Ladd. We feel assured that the people of this Province whose generous contributions make Red Cross possible will appreciate the fact that the whole personnel of the Women's War Work Committee is entirely voluntary, and many use their own cars in performing these service.

On behalf of the Committee may I extend most sincere thanks to all our workers throughout the Province for their wonderful cooperation, and for the fine spirit of service and loyalty to the Empire's cause so well reflected in the great volume of work performed.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Hanway

Mrs. J. A. Hanway.

Provincial Chairman War Work Committee.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AND KNITTED COMFORTS MADE BY THE WOMEN
OF NOVA SCOTIA FOR THE YEAR DEC. 31st. 1940

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	Packed for Over- Seas at Division Warehouse	Packed for Over- Seas by Branches	To Hospitals by Division	To Hospitals by Branches	To Services by Division	To Services by Branches	In Stock Dec. 31st. by Division	In Stock Dec. 31st. by Branches	Emergency Stock	Totals.
Sweaters.....	17531	1196	35	1	217	1459	2170	1093	...	27701
Scarves.....	10988	11115	4	1	1045	465	712	791	...	25121
Socks.....	48660	16178	740	...	399	3305	3707	1076	...	74065
Seamen's Socks.....	456	...	...	...	...	13	58	47	...	574
Helmets etc.....	2396	...	1	...	...	99	1336	178	...	4010
Gloves.....	57	...	...	...	30	6	6	...	...	93
Mitts.....	3084	...	401	...	288	1040	2374	447	...	7634
Wristlets.....	5844	...	...	...	472	131	420	90	...	6957
Knee Caps.....	396	...	...	...	...	...	78	3	...	477
Turt. Neck Tucks.....	804	...	...	...	117	...	...	...	...	921
Pneum. Jackets.....	2022	537	140	43	...	...	972	67	1086	4867
Pyjamas.....	1956	919	670	139	...	...	1739	127	1877	7427
Bed-gowns.....	5166	51	306	...	...	...	2093	199	2433	10768
Bath Robes.....	244	...	146	...	...	...	38	19	60	507
Bed-jackets.....	498	...	102	46	...	...	258	68	285	1257
Sheets.....	2217	235	808	24	...	...	2667	86	2585	8622
Draw Sheets.....	881	...	24	6	...	...	...	...	...	30
Pillow-slips.....	9816	634	868	79	...	...	7350	227	7617	26591
Bed pads.....	1658	489	48	...	...	...	717	...	721	3633
Bed pan covers.....	811	...	132	...	...	...	...	56	12	1011
Hampton-pads.....	755	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	755
Bed Socks.....	54	...	229	...	...	...	12	15	...	310
Hot, Wat-bot-covers.....	290	...	126	24	...	...	124	23	...	587
Ice-bag covers.....	1248	...	132	...	...	...	108	2	...	1490
Face Cloths.....	2040	...	2881	18	...	...	1080	114	...	6133
Handkerchiefs.....	9394	...	4440	...	...	...	4938	281	2818	21871
P.P. Bags.....	...	...	364	...	...	...	31	75	31	501
Comfort Bags.....	...	...	244	...	...	...	879	...	...	1123
Ab. Binders.....	2268	...	168	...	...	...	722	15	72	3245
T. Binders.....	738	...	270	...	...	...	838	199	184	2229
Tri. Bandages.....	6738	...	612	...	...	...	1116	116	1020	9602
Roller Bandages.....	...	...	400	...	...	...	4037	...	3000	7437
Bias Bandages.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	...	237	437
Face Masks.....	...	...	95	...	...	...	731	20	160	1006
Surgeon's Gowns.....	144	380	148	...	...	...	427	70	398	1567
Surgeon's Caps.....	168	...	148	...	...	...	338	19	398	1071
Surgical Towels.....	4013	...	264	18	2749	78	2736	9858
O.R. Stockings.....	63	...	24	87
Quilts.....	...	506	112	67	...	685

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