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PATRIOTIC FUND

Efforts are being put forth by the committee of the Patriotic Fund which must have the hearty support of everyone in the Dominion. The demands on this fund are steadily increasing, as fresh battalions are sent to the front. Subscriptions will be sought, payable in monthly installments, so that the fund may have a continuous income.

For the most part, the work of the fund is carried on by voluntary workers, so that no subscriber need fear that his subscription is largely eaten up in overhead charges. Hitherto the interest allowed by the banks on reserve deposits have more than covered the cost of administration, and it seems probable that this condition can be maintained, at least for the present.

In Alberta alone the sum of \$75,000 has been distributed to the wives and dependants of men who have gone to serve their country at the front, and other provinces have benefitted in like proportion. Before the end of the war, Canada probably have provided 300,000 men for overseas service, and many of these men have left wives and families behind. The call for more money is urgent, and the committee feel satisfied that the people of British Columbia will respond just as heartily as the men have done to the call of their country in the hour of trial.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Germans on the western front must have thought that a flock of destroying angels had put in an appearance on Sunday. Fifteen air fights in one day is going some.

Ottawa has decided that only

market price will be paid for the 15,000,000 bushels of wheat expropriated by the government. What's the matter in Ottawa anyhow? On the shell basis, the price ought to have been about \$2.15 per bushel. The Tory wheat buyers must have been asleep at the switch.

When are the 200 per cent patriots to be made to shell out 95 per cent of their profits? If the finance minister thinks a war profits' tax would be too harsh, he might at least make a demand on the patriots on behalf of the Patriotic Fund.

Victoria seems to be simply wallowing in coal scandals these days. It is really too bad that an inquisitive court should want to enquire into the details of the graft of a Conservative Association secretary. While they are at it, it would be interesting to find out if Harry Price really got the commission, or if he was simply collecting party funds.

Harry Price, the fifty cents a ton buyer for the government, states that he took the commission because he was "guaranteeing payment by the government." Has the credit of the McBride government reached such a level in Victoria that a Conservative Association secretary has to give such a guarantee?

Bob Rogers must have left something of his evil influence behind him in Victoria. The books of the coal firm, from which Harry Price collected his price, have disappeared.

MEETING OF FISHERMEN

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had gone. He noticed that, in the south, the herring this year were being taken in large quantities at Pender Harbor, and that the fish-

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ermen had gone over there. The Point Grey season is approaching and the big concerns are afraid that they won't be able to get men, as the fishing is still good at Pender Harbor. The big interests had approached the government, and there is a probability that the fishing at Pender Harbor will be stopped.

The mayor said he was not acquainted with the fishing business but was pleased to see that local fishermen were taking these matters up. He remarked on the concessions which had already been made as a result of the efforts of the fisheries committees of the city council and the Board of Trade, and said that the only way to get anything was to keep on asking. In such matters politics should be entirely lost sight of, as the fishing industry was more important than politics.

Alec Maclean said he thought a rover's license was the solution of many of their difficulties. He had been able to obtain a salmon license for a space of four miles, but he might as well have had a license to fish in the city reservoir.

George Morrow went into the various points of the question very fully. He pointed out that it was ridiculous to ask a fisherman to pay \$50 for a seine license and \$2.50 for a gill net license for each different district. The fish were not put in the sea by politicians and he thought politics should have nothing to do with the business. He said that the white fishermen of the earlier days were largely to blame for the Japs getting the hold of the bus-

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ness as they had done, but that today a race of fishermen has sprung up on this north coast and the monopolies of the past must be broken. He thought there should be no vested interest in such a business, as a cannery license was for one year just as an hotel license was for a year. At the same time, he was strongly in favor of measures for preserving the fish, but he objected to the government making fishing licenses a means of revenue. He felt that halibut fishermen should be allowed to take dog and hump-back salmon from the creeks for bait.

Captain Rorvik dealt with the question of herring licenses and stated that in Norway there were no restrictions, even to fishing on spawning grounds.

Finally the following committee (Continued on Page Three.)



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