

PATRIOTIC WOMEN PLAN FOR THE WINTER

High Cost of Living Discussed by Brunswick Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The Voluntary Aid Detachment held a meeting in the parlors of St. Andrew's Church, Monday evening. Mrs. Kuhring was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Doris de-Weber. The new pins were brought to this meeting. The new pins are to be worn only by the members of the V.A.D. who have passed the two St. John's Ambulance examinations.

Mrs. Kuhring told of a letter from Dr. Copp stating that there was to no likelihood of an overseas draft leaving Canada till the spring at least.

Miss Stella Payson, assistant commandant, gave a short report on the Military Hospital; Miss Dorothy Purdy has volunteered for six months and been accepted. Members will go to the hospital every two weeks at a time.

Volunteers are needed for seven afternoons for two weeks. Individual gifts for the men will be accepted for Christmas and they can be invited out for a Christmas dinner. The V.A.D. have become responsible for the Christmas entertainment at the Military Hospital. Boxes can be sent to Miss Austin at the Soldiers' Club before Dec. 23rd. Seventy-five men will be provided for.

Mrs. J. Lee Day reported on the work at the Parks Convalescent Home.

The departure of Miss Irene McQuade was referred to and good wishes sent to her.

1916 LOYALIST CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Successful Year's Work of a Busy Patriotic Organization.

At the annual meeting on Monday evening of Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E., reports were submitted of the year's activities and officers elected. The officers are: Mrs. H. MacKay, regent; Miss C. Schofield, vice-regent; Miss Blizzard, 2nd vice-regent; Mrs. Maurice White, secretary; Miss Gladys Hegan, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Sancton, standard bearer; and Miss Kerr Eccles, secretary.

Ladies, - I have much pleasure in submitting the sixth annual report of the Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The year 1916 has indeed been a busy one. As the war goes on we realize more and more that each of us has a part to play in the mighty struggle and this spirit shows over-increasingly in the work of the chapter.

There has been splendid attendance at the monthly meetings and the greatest enthusiasm shown in all undertakings. While no regular meetings were held during the summer months, as the Chapter is so scattered, work was planned and carried out as usual, and special meetings were called when we were asked to assist in various patriotic undertakings.

The work of the Chapter may roughly be classified under three heads: 1. Red Cross Work; 2. Financial work; 3. Co-operative work. [. . .]

In May we had charge of canteen at the Soldiers' Club for a week. On August 4th, the second anniversary of the declaration of war, in co-

-operation with the other Chapters, we collected for a machine gun. On Labour Day we assisted at a fair held by Labour Unions on Exhibition grounds. In October we took another week at Soldiers' Club, also donated one ton of coal. We assisted in welcoming the various battalions that came to the city in the fall and contributed refreshments. In December, we helped distribute lunches to sailors passing through and provided apples for them.

LOYALIST CHAPTER OF THE I.O.D.E.

Secretary's Report Describes Year of Much Activity.

SUM OF \$7651.76 EXPENDED

Red Cross Work - Donations to Good Causes - Mrs. H. Mackay Re-Elected Regent.

[. . .] Looking back over the work of the Chapter in 1917 is to review a splendid record. As the war goes on the calls on our time and energies are greater than ever before, but the members have responded cheerfully to every appeal that has been made to them, showing the keenest enthusiasm in all undertakings, and working faithfully and well on behalf of our soldiers and sailors overseas and at home.

Twelve regular monthly meetings have been held, with an average attendance of thirty-five. Six special meetings were called when any important business came up, which required our immediate attention.

Through the kindness of

the directors of the Board of Trade, we were offered the use of a room in their building and have held our meetings there since October.

During the summer months Red Cross work was carried on as usual, each member being required to hand in three pairs of socks at the September meeting. We also raised \$190 talent money in different ways.

The work done by the Chapter may be roughly divided under three heads:

1. Red Cross work
2. Donations, local and overseas
3. Entertainment and activities

[. . .] Since February 1916, \$20 a month has been forwarded to provide parcels for five Canadian prisoners of war in Germany, whose condition is so deserving of our constant care.

We have always had a special interest and sympathy in tuberculosis work and, for over a year, have supported a patient in the East St. John Hospital. The funds for this purpose are kept separate from our patriotic proceeds and have been raised in various ways by the talent money earned by the members, selling of magazines, donations, etc.

There have been no resignations during the year. As many of our active workers are absent from the city. The Chapter has been enlarged by two new members and three honorary members . . .

LOYALIST CHAPTER ELECTS MRS. HEBER VROOM ITS REGENT

I.O.D.E. Memorial and Child Welfare Work Chief Aims of Organiza-

tion at Present Time

The Loyalist Chapter of the I.O.D.E. held its annual meeting last night at the residence of Mrs. H.C. Schofield on Germain Street, the first vice-regent, Mrs. Heber Vroom, who was afterwards elected as regent, replacing Mrs. High Mackay, was in the chair. Excellent reports of the year's work were submitted.

A resolution was unanimously adopted which expressed the Chapter's intention of tagging in future for such causes as child welfare for their aim and for no others. . .

LOYALIST CHAPTER MET AT ROTHESAY

Regent Reports on Meeting of National chapter – Plans Made for fall Work

The Loyalist chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire met on Monday afternoon at the residence of Miss Dorothy Purdy in Rothesay. The meeting was held out of doors and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Heber Vroom, the regent, who returned recently from the annual meeting of the National chapter at Toronto, presided, and gave an interesting account of the National meeting. Further arrangements were made for the chapter's annual sale, which is to be held in the fall, and conveners were appointed. Mrs. Vroom said the National annual meeting, which was the twenty-first anniversary of the Order, was dignified and impressive to a marked degree. Miss Joan Arnoldi, who was re-elected as president,

made a memorable address and the many prominent men of Toronto who were present and heard it had declared they had never listened to a better considered or more able speech. For the coming work of the Order the most important tasks were the Canadianisation of the foreign born, the educational war memorial fund, child welfare work and general education work. Mrs. Vroom brought to the meeting in Rothesay one of the souvenir programmes, which each delegate to the national meeting received, and the programme was much admired.

The Spitfire Fund

Since it was announced by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire that they would be the medium through which the people of New Brunswick would present to the Mother Country a spitfire Fighter, may have expressed a desire to participate in this patriotic effort. They will be glad to know that they will now have an opportunity of doing so, because the fund has been thrown open for public subscriptions. These will be in addition to other efforts planned by the individual primary chapter.

The objective in the province is \$25,000, and of this amount the Saint John and Rothesay Chapters have undertaken responsibility for one-third, or about \$8,500. They hope to have achieved their quota before the first of the year. The generous co-operation of the public will be necessary if the ladies are to achieve their goal. All who can, therefore, are urged to contribute.

The object is a most worthy one. The idea of presenting a

one. The idea of presenting a Spitfire to assist in the defense of the Motherland and of the democratic way of life was conceived with the object of paying tribute to a former New Brunswicker, Lord Beaverbrook, who is carrying out a tremendous job as British minister of aircraft production. He has given the prospective donation his blessing expressing his gratification that the people of New Brunswick should recognize the work he was doing for the Empire.

There are so many ways in which the public can help to put the Spitfire Fund over the top, but the most effective means at present is by making a contribution through any of the I.O.D.E. members.