

The following is a summary of the various contributions:—

Fund.	Date of latest return.	Value.
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Canadian Patriotic, including interest.....	December 31, 1918.....	46,187,763
Donations of Dominion and Provincial Govern- ments to the Imperial Government.	—	5,469,320
Manitoba Patriotic Fund.....	March 31, 1918.....	3,957,042
Canadian Red Cross cash.....	December 7, 1918.....	7,771,083
Canadian Red Cross supplies.....	(estimated).....	13,500,000
British Red Cross.....	December 31, 1917.....	6,100,000
Belgian Relief cash.....	December 19, 1918.....	1,642,104
Belgian Relief supplies.....	(estimated).....	1,512,800
Young Men's Christian Association for military work.....	—	4,574,821
Miscellaneous.....	—	8,000,000
		98,714,933

The miscellaneous contributions included gifts for the equipment and maintenance of hospitals overseas and in Canada, contributions to the French, Polish and Serbian Relief Funds and to numerous associations for the supply of field comforts to troops overseas and for the care of returned soldiers.

THE POST-WAR SITUATION.

As the absorption of the strength of the nation in the prosecution of the war became more and more complete towards the close of the conflict, there loomed up more and more vividly in the minds of its statesmen the realization of the great dislocations which would be produced by a sudden stoppage of the great war machine, which was occupying the full attention of some 300,000 Canadians overseas and of as many more in the munitions manufacture at home, as well as creating an extraordinary demand for many ordinary peace-time products—a demand which might disappear almost overnight with the cessation of hostilities.

In the full realization of this situation, the Cabinet on October 23, 1917, constituted itself into two main branches or committees, the one, known as the War Committee, to deal with the problems involved in the prosecution of the war, the other, known as the Reconstruction and Development Committee, to consider the problems which would become acute with the return of peace. The Prime Minister, the Ministers of Trade and Commerce and of Finance, were members of both committees. The War Committee included, besides the foregoing, the Ministers of External Affairs, Justice, Marine and Naval Service, Customs, Militia and Defence, Public Works, the Postmaster-General, the President of the Privy Council, and the Minister of the Overseas Military Forces. The Reconstruction and Development Committee included, in addition to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Trade and Commerce and of Finance, the Ministers of