

Correspondence

Welfare Association Report of Work

Feb. 9, 1932.

Dear Sir,—The Emergency Welfare association of East Kildonan respectfully submit the following general report of their work up to and including Feb. 3, 1932. This report, in our humble opinion, should give great satisfaction to those whose assistance made this work possible.

More than 125 families received emergency assistance, divided approximately as follows: Ward 1, 61 families; ward 2, 17 families; ward 3, 44 families. The goods supplied were 62 pairs of overshoes, 141 pairs boots, 164 overcoats, 22 pieces of furniture, 111 pairs of mitts, 110 pairs of pants, 83 skirts, 277 pairs of socks, 65 suits of underwear, 92 girls' sweaters, 118 boys' and men's sweaters, 79 ladies' dresses, 73 child's dresses, 142 pieces babies' garments, 41 caps and 45 miscellaneous items. The foregoing figures do not include goods provided by municipal funds which are known as the Red Cross stock and which can be supplied only to registered unemployed and families on direct municipal relief. Nor do they include clothing purchased by the association in cases where the demand could not be supplied from the stock on hand.

Sixteen orders for fuel were issued to sixteen families utterly without fuel and no visible means of procuring any. No record is available yet as to the number of purchases made for groceries in cases where families were without food, at this date, but a great number have benefitted. The association has also been able to provide milk for children who are sick and whose parents cannot supply this necessity. There are other ways, too numerous to mention, in which the association are assisting; each case is an individual problem requiring a sympathetic solution.

As stated above this record is completed on records available at February 3rd. Even as this information is being compiled dozens of applications are awaiting a satisfactory disposal. The demand based on utter need is more than the resources of the association can bear and the demand is growing daily.

We can find a "destiny divine" for all the used clothing, boots, underwear, beds, mattresses, stoves, school books, groceries, preserves, vegetables, in fact anything that will give service and comfort to those in need that we can get our hands on. What could be accomplished had we the funds is, in modern vernacular, nobody's business! Confidential reports of those in need are welcome and will be treated as confidential.

The display advertisement published weekly in these columns will give you the information you need should you desire to assist in any capacity.

Imagine workless men without means, women housebound for want of clothes, houses cold for lack of fuel, clothless and, in some cases, foodless children unable to attend school for these reasons—then do your duty. Though these conditions are not general they are not, emphatically not, an exaggeration.—I am, etc.,

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