

Gormley, Mar, 1 st. 1919.

Eld Thos Reesor.

Pickering Ont.

Dear Bro Reesor.

Replying to your letter of the 27 th Feb, I must confess that I am unable to impart much information of the questions you call attention to. I am inclosing you two letters from S. F. Coffman some of the contents have a direct bearing on the matters you refer to.

You will easily gater from S. F. C,s letters that the understanding of our last meeting was carried out in so far as Bro Coffman being instructed along the lines indicated. in his letters you have his replies.

Personally I think it to bad that we can not find a way to turn over these moneys so they may be of immediate service.

But I suppose we will have to wait until something more favorable developes.

Have you anything to suggest Bro Reesor, if so kindly let me have your thought.

Yours For Service.

D. W. Heise

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*(Kindly preserve Letters
inclosed)*

Waterloo, Ont., Mar. 8/19.

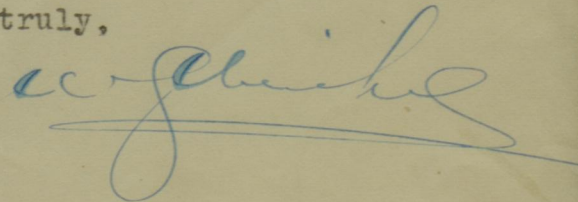
Rev. Thomas Reesor,
R. R. #2,
Pickering, Ont.

Dear Mr. Reesor:

Your letter did not come to my notice until after my return from a several days trip down East and therefore you must excuse delay. I appreciate very much the kind remembrance in your former letter and regarding the second one let me say that I am still of the same opinion that your people should wait until the Prime Minister returns from France which may be in the course of three or four weeks. However, I do not wish to make any further suggestions along the lines indicated and if the majority of your people favor handing out the money immediately no criticism of any kind can come from any source. The matter in the House of Commons will not be up for discussion until the new Franchise Bill will be introduced which certainly will not be done until the Prime Minister returns. In any event if you wait I will be glad to introduce your deputation to the Prime Minister, but possibly your people may decide to take immediate action and distribute the money to various funds for which they have been designated.

Again thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,



Elmira, Ont., Mar. 17th, 1919.

Rev. Thos. Reesor,

Pickering, Ont.

Dear Brother in Faith:

Mr. Weichel informs me that he had a long conversation with Mr. F. S. Scott regarding the best method of presenting our donation to the government. It seems that Sir Robert Borden will not return to Canada for some time although the new Franchise Bill is being drawn up.

Mr. Weichel and Mr. Scott came to the conclusion that, under existing circumstances, it were better for our committee to distribute the funds to the various places mentioned in the resolutions passed at the recent meeting and to prepare a memorandum of these distributions.

It was further suggested that a copy of this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Weichel who will be pleased to present it in person at the proper time to either Sir Robert Borden or Sir Thomas White and the Honourable Mr. Meighen. In this way the donation would receive the recognition of the Government.

Your opinion on the suggestion as outlined above would be greatly appreciated,

Yours very truly,

N. M. Bearinger

Cornley. Mar, 24 th, 1919.

Dear Brother.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Non-resistant Relief Organization of Ont. Will be held in the Wideman Church on the 8 th, Mine Markhal on Tuesday the 8 th, day of April next. at 9.30 A. M.

One of the main issues coming before the members of the organization at this meeting, will be the question as to the continuance, or noncontinuance of the organization and its work, for any definit, or indefinite time. If the former should be decided upon. Then in that event the election of members and officers would ensue for its continuance. Also the receiving of the Treasurers report, and any other business that may be properly brought before the meeting. It is very desirable that a full attendance of the members of the organization should be present at this meeting.

Yours In The Faith.

D. W. Heise.

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March 25. 1919.

Thos. Reesor Esq.
 Treasurer
 Non-Resistant Relief Organization
 Pickering.

Dear Mr Reesor,

On behalf of the Belgian Relief Committee I wish to thank you very sincerely for your untiring efforts in raising the splendid sum of \$15,000. which the Non-resistant Relief Organization has sent to Belgian Relief. It is a wonderful subscription and we are exceedingly grateful to you and all those who contributed such a large amount.

Again thanking you on behalf of the Committee

I am

Yours very truly

Crstence B. Laing
 Hon. Secretary

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38 North St., Toronto,

March 25th, 1919

Mr. Thomas Reesor,

Treas. Non Resistant Relief,

Organization of Ontario,

R.R. 2, Pickering, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

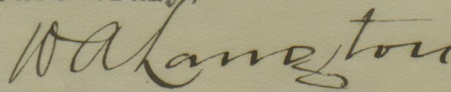
Having heard of the donation of your organization to the Belgian Relief, I beg to put before you the needs of Serbian Relief.

You, no doubt, need no evidence as to^{the} condition of the Serbians or their claim to our consideration, but may want to know how far they are still needing help, since the allied governments have undertaken to see that they are fed. The situation is that they lack everything else as well as food.

I think the best thing I can do is to send you a copy of my latest public statement on the subject, embodying my own information up to the end of 1918.

Not knowing exactly to whom I should write, I am sending a letter similar to this to Mr. Heise.

Yours truly,



President C.S.R.C.

It may interest your organization particularly to know that there is a special fund being raised for orphanages.

S E R B I A N R E L I E F .

The effective way of meeting any large need, like that of Serbian Relief, is not by scattered efforts but by uniting in support of a well organized national body. We have an example of this in the enormous work our own Canadian Red Cross has been able to do because of the general support which it receives.

The Serbian Relief Fund in England is not quite alone, as the Red Cross is but it is practically alone, and is, though a voluntary body, the official British agent for Serbian Relief. It is, in the fields of its activities, usually called the British Mission. It is for this Body that the Canadian Serbian Relief Committee collect Canadian money; and they feel great satisfaction in the certainty that the money collected is well applied. The Fund is not only the natural channel of Canadian effort for Serbian Relief, but it is the most effective channel. A practical consideration of Serbian Relief becomes, therefore, a consideration of what the Fund is doing. During the war, its work was limited by the limitations of opportunity; it was only scattered portions of the nation that could be got at; but now the whole country is open and the picture of its desolation and destitution is terrible.

The Fund's administrator in Serbia reports home as follows:-
"The material damage is on a colossal scale; stations, barracks, factories, mills, public buildings burnt to the ground. All machinery that could be removed from factories and mills was removed and destroyed. Every iron bridge on roads or railways has been blown up, and even the very rails destroyed." This report deals with urban and public conditions; the farming districts are

in the same state. A Serbian report says "Grain, flour, cattle, ploughs, carts, blankets and even the cocks and hens were carried off and the population left to starve." The people are truly destitute; the very clothes they stand in, which have been patched with rags, are now falling to pieces because there are no more rags to patch them with. This is the material condition of the people, and their physical condition is, as might be expected, very low. Tuberculosis is common even among the children. Nothing but improved conditions will stop it; and the means of improving conditions must all come from without. Food is fortunately to be found by the Allied Governments and America, but everything else remains to be done. Let us see what is being done by the British Serbian Relief Fund.

The Fund has established three hospitals, with a total of 300 beds between the time the country was opened in October and December 1st. It proposes to start others. It is keeping up and extending its system of village dispensaries and visiting nurses. It has sent out, as its agents, a tuberculosis specialist and a large number of "health visitors", who will help the people to meet the scourge now and to prevent it in the future. It has founded, and staffed and endowed for five years, an orphanage for 50 children; and appeals for help to found more, for there are thousands of orphans in Serbia whose survival and upbringing are important to their country. It is sending clothing at the rate of half a million articles a month. It still supports its hospital for Serbian soldiers; nervous cases and mutilated men who are being taught trades. It is still educating boys in England, and a new draft of both boys and girls have been taken

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in charge since their country was opened up. The money at the command of the Fund is not nearly enough for the opportunities offering and the Fund is appealing for the participation of Canada and the other dominions.

The Canadian Serbian Relief Committee which, as has been said, acts as a Canadian Branch of the British Serbian Relief Fund, is registered under the War Charities Act as a body authorized to receive subscriptions throughout the Dominion. The Hon. Treasurer is Mr. A. H. Campbell, 4 Wellington Street East, Toronto

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RELIEF FUND

Mar 27. 1919	Total Receipts	£ XI	£ 68.367.62
	Total expenditure		60.005.50

	Balance in banks		8.362.12
	Expenditures in detail		
Mar 24	Soldiers aid Commission of Ontario for the relief of Soldiers Children		15.000.00
	Belgian Relief Fund		15.000.00
	Secours National French relief		10.000.00
	Armenian and Syrian relief		15.000.00 15.000.00
	The Navy League for merchants sailors widows and orphans		5.000.00
	Exchange at banks		5.50

			£ 60.005.50

EXPENSE FUND

Mar 27. 1919	Total Receipts	£	435.96
	Total expenses		303.20

	Balance in bank	£	132.76

The above expenses were incurred by several of the Committee interviewing Government officials at Ottawa, and also interviewing members of Parliament re the Military Service Act

The books will be open for inspection at all times to the members of the society who contributed the funds

THOMAS REESOR, TREASURER

AUDITORS REPORT

Markham Mar 27. 1919

We the undersigned have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization, and we find report as submitted for your consideration, to be correct in every way.

David Grove
J.L. Byer
Auditors

JOHN W. ROSS
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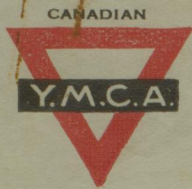
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RED TRIANGLE CAMPAIGN

\$1,100,000.00—May 5-9, 1919

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
K.G., G.C.M.G. G.C.V.O., P.C.

120 BAY STREET,

TORONTO, April.7th.1919.

Mr. Thos. Reesor,
Pickering. Ont.

Dear Sir:-

We notice a statement in the daily press regarding funds collected by the Non-resistant Organizations' Relief Fund and desire to call attention to the work being done by the Y.M.C.A. for the Canadian troops both in Canada and over-seas. One feature very prominent now, is the service being rendered in 67 hospitals in Canada.

If our service is in line with the purpose of your organization, we would respectfully ask that you come up and make an investigation of our work in the hospitals and the Red Triangle Club, as well as other phases of the work being done.

We require over \$1,000,000 to complete our service for this year and are finding much difficulty in interesting people because they say the war is over and they are tired of the many calls, but we are compelled to do more than we have done at any period and are in pressing need of financial help. If it is not convenient for you to look into the matter personally, I would be glad to run down and give you further information regarding our service.

Yours sincerely,

Financial Secretary.

HY/C.

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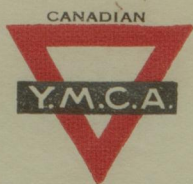
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120 BAY STREET,
TORONTO,

April. 12th. 1919.

Mr. Thos. Reesor,
R. R. No. 2.
Pickering. Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to thank you for your favor of the 19th inst., explaining the disposition made of the balance of your Special Relief Fund. We too regret that we did not know of your fund and make our application in time to have it considered. If further funds are raised, we respectfully ask that our work be given consideration, for in the opinion of most, if not all, Military men, the work of the Y.M.C.A. ranks equally in importance with that of the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds.

We would be very pleased to have you look into this matter more fully as you have time and opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Campaign Organizer District No. 6.

HY/EBC.

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120 BAY STREET,
TORONTO,

April 15th, 1919

Mr. Thos. Reesor,
R.R. #2,
Pickering, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have for acknowledgment your favor of the 10th inst., and desire to thank you for your promise to give consideration to the work carried on by our National Council on behalf of the soldiers, with a view to rendering us financial assistance.

Please be assured that whatever aid your Society can render, will be heartily appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Financial Secretary,
Red Triangle Campaign Funds

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To the various churches represented in the "Non-Assistant Relief Organization of Ontario," directing in the name of "Jehovah" who has blessed us with all temporal, and spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.----- Your Executive Committee, met on the 19 th inst to consider the advisability of making another appeal on behalf of the Memorial Fund of the above organization. ----- From correspondence, and private inquiry, it learned, that while the suffering and distress resulting from the war, is abating in some of the eastern countries, yet in others, the distress is still intense, and the destitution appalling.-----With the remembrance of the hearty response on the part of our people last year, by which over seventy Seven thousand Dollars were donated to the memorial fund, and appropriated for relief work in the following manner:--To "Secours National" 10,000. "Belgium Relief Committee" 15,000. "Armenian Relief Fund" 15,000. "Merchant Sailors Relief Fund" 12,370. "Soldiers Aid Commission of Ontario" for the care, education and maintenance of Soldiers children, 15,000. "Serbian Relief Fund" 8,000. With a supplementary appropriation to the Armenian and Serbian relief work of 1,250. each. A total of \$ 77,370.00.----- This liberality on the part of our people, has been the means of saving perhaps many lives, and gladdening the hearts of many also who were destitute.-----So with all these facts before your committee, and in view of the unmerited blessings which our heavenly Father has vouchsafed unto us in the province of Ontario during the past season, we believe that our people will deem it a privilege to again come to the rescue of the perishing hundreds, by subscribing to the "Memorial Fund". ----- Therefore; by unanimous vote, your committee have decided that a general appeal be made to the various bodies constituting this organization, for voluntary contributions to further the work of relief made necessary by war conditions in Armenia, Serbia, and other European countries from time to time. ----- The committee further suggests that each denomination work out a method which is best adapted to the conditions in the various bodies, to accomplish the objects of this appeal; and further, that the said appeal shall close, and all donations reported to the Secretary Treasurer not later than the first of March 1920.----- Your committee wish to express their unbounded confidence in the membership of our churches, relative to their appreciation of the situation before us, and notwithstanding the fact that the awful war, through the providence of God, has terminated, and that the pressure, and anxiety for the present at least is relieved, we have every reason however to believe that our people will neither be negligent of their privilege, nor remiss of their duty in connection with the objects of this appeal, especially so in view of the fact that Federal Legislation is contemplated relative to Military service, and exemptions, which may prove to be adverse to our interests and faith. ----- May all who have so generously assisted in relief work in the past, be richly rewarded, and our God glorified.

Dated at Markham Nov, 20 th, 1919.

Eld L. J. Burkholder---Chairman.

Eld D. W. Heise. Secy, Treasr.

Waterloo, Ont., May 17/19.

Rev. Thomas Reesor,
Pikering, Ont. R. R. #2,

Dear Mr. Reesor:

Just arrived home from Saskatchewan after being away for two weeks which accounts for the delay in not answering your letter of May 1st. I am of the opinion that the Franchise Act may possibly be side tracked for this session although I am absolutely sure that same will not be discussed in the House until the Prime Minister returns from Europe. I did not send the vouchers to Ottawa as I wanted to hand them into the hands of the Prime Minister personally. Therefore I cannot answer your query as to what they thought of your donation. A good deal of quiet work is being done at the present time. Quiet work is always better at a time like this than debating in the House of Commons, as that sort of thing will only stir up antagonism and do more harm than good.

Hoping you are well, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. G. Bechtel

Gormley, Dec, 6 th, 1919.

Eld Thos Ressor.

Pickering. Ont.

Dear Bro.

greeting

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your
Cheque for Three Hundred and Two Dollars and Fifty Four Cents. ###
\$ 302.54. This will be credited to the Memorial Fund Account.

Yours Respectfully.

L. W. Heise Secy Treas. M. P. O.



Armenian Relief Fund Association of Canada

GENERAL OFFICE: 108 MCKINNON BUILDING
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TELEPHONE ADELAIDE 4079

Toronto, January 15th, 1920

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Thos, Reesor,
Dunnville,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

*Collected from the
Mennonites of Rainham
Centre, South Cayuga,
I. W. Pierce*

We beg to acknowledge receipt of \$90.00 being contribution to the Armenian Relief Fund, which has been credited to the account of the Fund with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

Please accept our best thanks for same.

Yours truly,

I. W. Pierce

Honorary Treasurer,
ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Russian Immigration.

Vineland Ont., June 12, 1924.

Dear Brethren/- Greeting.

No information has as yet been received as to the time of the arrival of the first group of immigrants from Russia. As soon as word is received notices will be sent to Moses Hunsberger, Waterloo, J. L. Grove, Ringwood, and Jacob Wagler, Millbank, and these brethren will notify all of the other brethren appointed as district men in their districts.

Some expense will be incurred in locating these immigrants in Ontario and the Waterloo brethren suggested that collections be held in each church in order to raise an expense fund which will be used for any expenses in travelling, telephoning or writing in connection with this work. What money remains above the amount needed for this work will be sent to Rosthern to help defray the general expenses of the Russian Mennonite Immigration. Send all money to Moses Hunsberger, Bridgeport Ont.

Yours in faith

S. F. Coffman,

Ontario Conference.

Vineland Ont. July 26, 1924.

To the District Representatives,
Dear Brethren: Greeting.

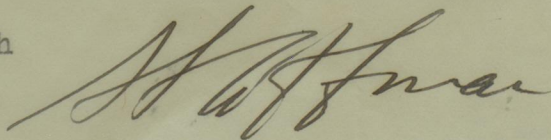
It is probable that all of the families of the Mennonite brethren from Russia are now settled, and will likely be happy in their new homes where they worship God without fear. May the Lord bless them and prosper them all, and also bless those who received them and are caring for them.

By the same mail I am sending each of you a package of the Rundschau and the Jugend Freund, German publications of our church especially for the Russian Brethren, which you will please distribute. These are sample copies.

Each representative should learn (1) whether there are more homes that can afford accommodation for other immigrants in case more should be obliged to be received in Ontario. (2) Learn how many homes cannot care for these they now have over winter. (3) How many cannot find work for those now with them (4) If there is a middle aged or young man and wife without children that could be spared for Vineland. (5) If a family of man and wife with son 16 or more that can be secure for Vineland.

Let each one report what could be spared from your district if they could be used elsewhere, and also what persons could be used in your district if possible to secure them.

Yours in faith



N. M. Bearinger

Elmira, Ontario

PHONE: BUSINESS HOURS, 51

Elmira, Ont., May 4th., 1925.

Rev. Thomas Reesor,

Pickering, Ont.

Dear Brother:

I am enclosing a single ticket for you for your transportation from Stouffville to Hearst. The best arrangements we could make is for the party to leave Toronto on Thursday evening at the Union Station, if I remember correctly, the time is 8.45.

Through a misunderstanding at the beginning, arrangements have been made for single fares only as I had understood that these men wished to spend some time in the North, working and making arrangements for the removal of their families later on. I would be pleased if you would take this matter up with Mr. Moffatt at his office at the Union Station, Toronto, to arrange for their return fares. I shall be writing Mr. Moffatt to-day and will explain the situation to him.

We are arranging that the other members of your party will meet you at the Union Station on Thursday evening. I am also notifying the Department of Lands and Forests to have transportation arrangements made for the party from North Bay to Cochrane on the T. & N. O. line. When in conversation with Col. Smythe recently, he expressed the desire to accompany this party and I will ask the department to notify him to this effect.

Yours truly,

NMB/IS

N. M. Bearinger