# [From War and the Kostroma countryside (according to data of the Statistical Department's questionnaire) (Kostroma, 1915), 140–142.]

		Appendix.
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# War and the countryside.

# Social aid to conscripts and their families from agricultural societies.

- 1. Was any monetary or other kind of aid shown to conscripts upon their departure for the war?
- 2. Were there instances of social verdicts [formal agreements] to provide for the families of conscripts
  - with means (permanent and one-time grants, settlement of assessments, collections taken up by district or farm).
  - with produce and items (bread from the commune, food, fuel from common forest, clothing for young and school-age children).
  - with labor (at harvest of fields, planting of winter crops, baling of hay, etc.).
- 3. Were there instances of social aid in other forms and which in particular?
- 4. Aid to conscripts and their families on the part of local cooperatives (credit unions, consumer and agricultural societies, artels [peasant cooperative associations]) kinds and quantities of aid.
- 5. Aid on the part of charitable societies, temperance societies, parish societies.
- 6. Has the war given rise to any particular societies, committees, *gubernia* and district divisions of organizations? (Describe their activities.)
- 7. Aid on the part of private individuals.

#### The influence of the war on agriculture and the life of the populace.

- 8. Was the entire harvest gathered from the field this year?
- 9. Was the entire (standard) winter crop sown?
- 10. Was there a noticeable shortage of agricultural workers in view of the call-up of conscripts (in which tasks)?
- 11. Were any particular changes observed in the supply, demand, and hiring of seasonal labor (did the costs of seasonal labor change sharply, for which tasks, etc.).
- 12. Was there a noticeable inflow of working hands to the countryside from factories and trades?
- 13. Have any difficulties been encountered in the sale of agricultural products (especially flax, and where is it sown upon sale)?
- 14. Are increased sales of cattle and agricultural products by peasants being observed (which in particular)?
- 15. Are any significant variations in prices of agricultural products being observed in connection with the war (which in particular)?
- 16. Is there a noticeable increase in purchases of any products by buyers?
- 17. Is particular need for credit being noticed and how is it being satisfied?
- 18. How are debts and assessments being dealt with?
- 19. Is there a noticeable decrease in autumn land rental?
- 20. Has there been a cut in the number of land purchase deals and the number of property consolidations?
- 21. How have the small, bazaar, and fair trades been going in the months of the war?
- 22. Has there been increased demand for any goods and, on the contrary, which ones have had low demand?
- 23. Have traders cut back on credit or have their conditions changed?
- 24. Describe in detail generally how the war has affected the well-being and mood of the populace (construction, holidays, weddings; demand for newspapers) what is being thought and said in the countryside about the war?

## War and [artisanal] trades of the populace.

- 25. How has the war affected the local trades?
  - How has the war affected the itinerant trades?
  - How has the war affected the state of any hauling trade?
  - How has the war affected the forest trades?
  - How has the war affected factory works?
- 26. Have wages risen or gone down?
- 27. Has the number of manufacturers increased or decreased?
- 28. Have any shortages of working hands been felt due to mobilization (which in particular)?
- 29. Was any aid shown to conscripts and their families on the part of manufacturing and trade enterprises, private estates, forestry bureaus, and so forth?
- 30. Was money or other items issued for the road (small gifts, felt boots, and so forth)?
- 31. Will all or part of the salaries of military conscripts be held for their families?
- 32. Are apartments, fuel, firewood being held for families?
- 33. Are monetary monthly grants or one-time payments to families of conscripts being arranged?

## The influence of temperance on the life, well-being, and mood of the populace.

- 34. How has the suspension of official [state-controlled] wine sales affected the economy?
- 35. Have 'corrections' been observed in enterprises previously given to brawling because of drunkenness?
- 36. Have any stragglers from work and home been observed returning to labor and enterprise?
- 37. Is unusual labor productivity not noticeable with suspension of vodka sales? Indicate examples?

38. How has the suspension of vodka sales affected morality, behavior, and mood of the populace (misdemeanors and crimes, displays of mischief, swearing, and so forth)?

The woman's situation? That of children?

39. How are holidays, weddings, gatherings, recruitment going without vodka?

40. Are vodkas being replaced by other spirits and which in particular?

41. Was there any social dissembling about suspension of vodka sales permanently?

42. Are there noticeable differences in this regard between various groups of the

populace?

43. Is permanent suspension of sales of alcoholic spirits possible in your opinion, or in

the opinion of the populace, and what would it lead to if realized?

44. Describe in detail everything about how temperance has affected the life of the

populace.

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