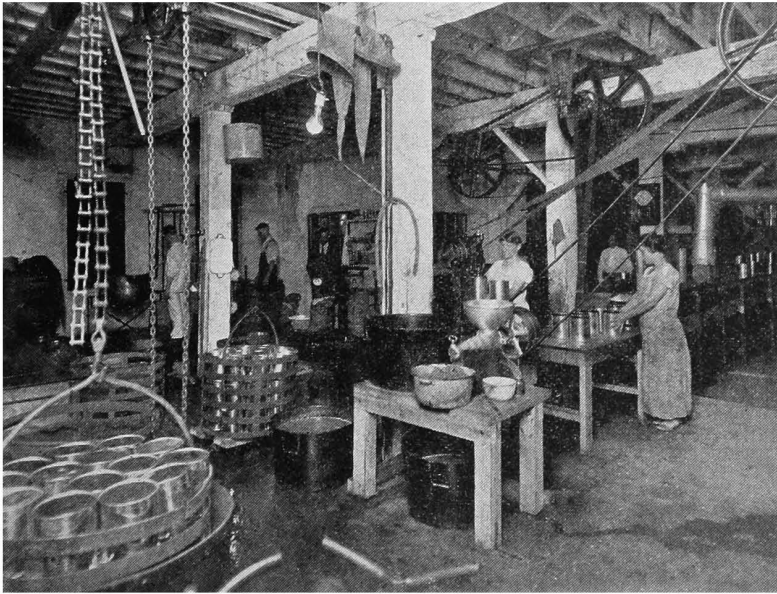




Canadian Red Cross Society



RED CROSS FRUIT KITCHEN, HAMILTON

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MESSAGE TO RED CROSS WORKERS FROM THE FOOD CONTROLLER, MR. HENRY THOMSON.

The aims of the Canadian Red Cross Society being humanitarian first and foremost, it stands to reason that its members are keenly alive to the alleviation of any kind of suffering; and the misery that prevails in Europe as a result of the ravages of hunger must undoubtedly carry a special appeal to them to lend aid.

The Canada Food Board looks to all organized Canadian bodies to help it in its Dominion-wide educational campaign and to carry into effect all its regulations and suggestions, issued from time to time, with a view to emphasizing conservation and increasing production. In no other organized body are the people of Canada better represented than in the Red Cross Society, which counts among its members people of every class and creed. Its appeal is universal rather than local and for this reason its staunch allegiance to the cause is of the utmost importance.

Let me express my appreciation of the splendid record of assistance which already stands to its credit. The Red Cross has been assiduous in spreading our propaganda and practising the tenets of thrift and conservation which we have been preaching. At this season, with winter approaching again, and the need ever increasing, we would appeal for continued and redoubled effort. In September, when the riches of the harvest are apparent on all hands, people are apt to be lulled into inaction born of a false sense of security. If spring plans were full of vigor and determination and the year's achievement was commendable, present conditions demand greater effort during the fall and winter months. Still paramount on the horizon is the need for the conservation of beef, meat, sugar, wheat and fats. These are as necessary to the Allies now as men and munitions. No doubt it would be more satisfactory if Canadians knew exactly how much was needed and how far their contributions went to swell the tide of supplies that sweeps steadily across the Atlantic. This may not be, but it is an assured fact that Canada has no more "fallen down" in supplying food than she has in sending over men, money and munitions. In the days that are to come she cannot afford to change her gait, to weaken in her stride.

At the beginning of this year, Allied Europe was said to be short 500,000,000 bushels of wheat and 115,000,000 head of live stock. Last year Canada's total wheat crop amounted to 233,742,150 bushels. It is estimated that 7 per cent. more land is under wheat this year than last. But it must be remembered that the need increases rather than diminishes. It is hard to tell just where it will stop. There is no use mincing words over the fact that the situation this winter is going to be very serious. The Allies will have to pay toll for conditions in Russia and some of the neutral countries, in addition to carrying their own burdens. All reserves were used up

long ago. Breeding stock in Europe is being rapidly killed off. Over 90,000,000 men have been diverted from the work of food production to fight in the trenches or to work behind the lines. It will take years to make up the terrible wastage and in the meantime about all we can do is to help our Allies and friendly neutrals to hold their own in battling with a creature as ruthless as Mars—in other words, Starvation.

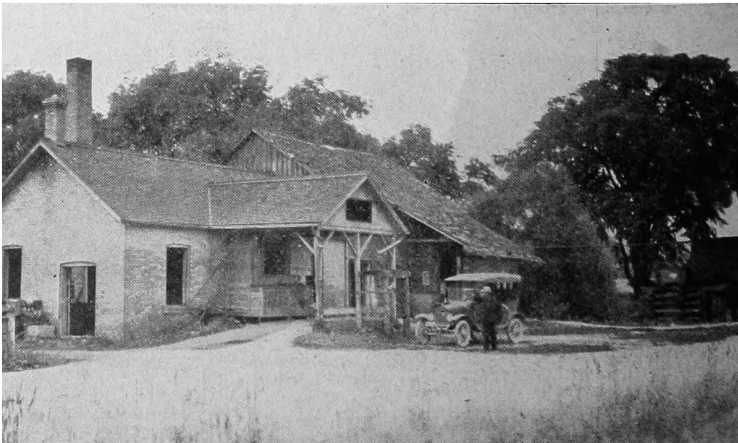
An organization such as the Red Cross Society can do a tremendous amount of good by waging war on all the forces lined up against the work of food control—the slanderers, backbiters, hoarders, wasters, enemy propagandists, the selfish, the extravagant and the indifferent.

The chief aim of all societies and all individuals should be to augment the following figures, which represent the increase in shipments^{*} overseas of certain food-stuffs in the year 1917-18, as compared with the average annual shipments for three years before the war :

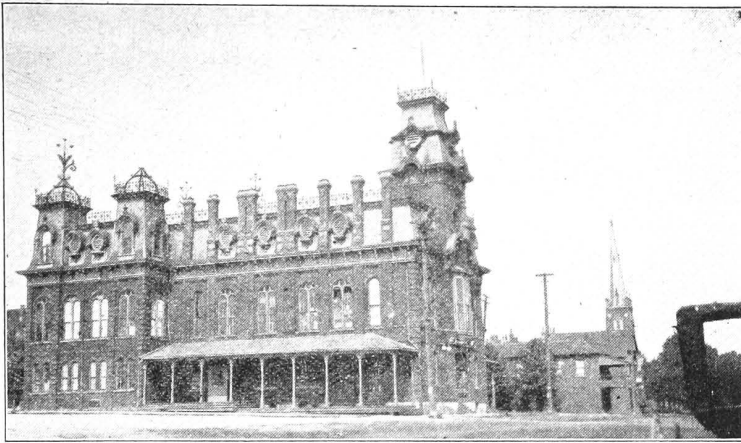
Pork, 122,000,000 pounds.	Cheese, 30,000,000 pounds.
Beef, 74,000,000 pounds.	Eggs, 15,000,000 dozen.
Butter, 12,000,000 pounds.	Wheat and flour, 85,000,000 bus.

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY FRUIT KITCHENS.

The work accomplished at the Red Cross Fruit Kitchen at Hamilton during the past three years (1915-16-17) is so well known to Red Cross workers throughout the Dominion and has been so frequently referred to in *THE BULLETIN*, that the briefest recapitulation of such work is all that is required in this issue, as a preliminary to the equally brief sketch of the work which they already have in hand for the current year.



CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY FRUIT KITCHEN, MAPLETON

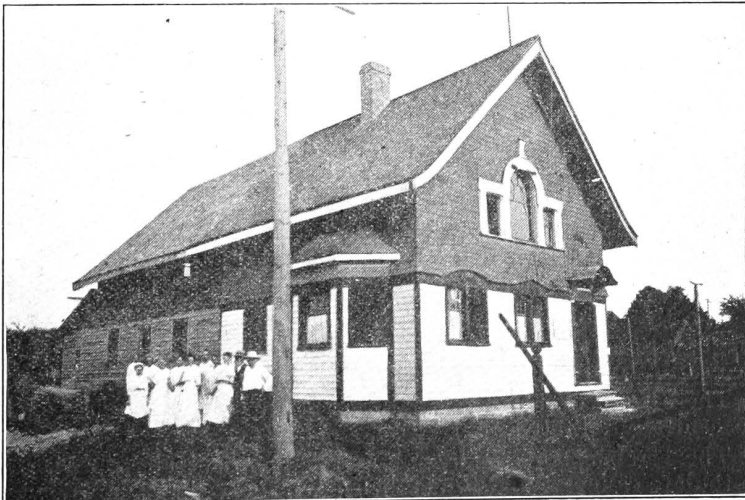


CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY FRUIT KITCHEN, BARRIE

In 1915, working under the auspices of the Canadian Club of Hamilton and financed by private subscriptions, they despatched overseas 117,500 pounds of preserved fruits and jellies.

In 1916, the Executive of the Canadian Red Cross accepting the financial responsibility and thus allowing the local committee to concentrate their efforts on soliciting donations of fruit and on process work, 132,500 pounds were preserved and despatched.

In 1917 the parent committee were fortunate in securing the whole-hearted co-operation of the members of the Women's Institute and of the Local Branch of the Red Cross Society at Parkhill (Middle-



PARK HILL KITCHEN

sex); this branch contributing no less than 1,000 jars (*i.e.*, 2,500 lbs) of chicken, 1,350 jars of soup, 450 quarts of pickles and 635 quart jars of fruit jam. The total produced and shipped by this Department in 1917 was over 400,000 lbs., half of which was jelly.

This Parkhill venture, which was in the nature of an experiment, proved such a success that the Women's Institute Branch of the Department of Agriculture have decided to equip similar establishments, as community kitchens, at Barrie (Simcoe), Mapleton (Elgin), Stratford (Perth), Guelph (Wellington), and also one in Brant County—location not yet decided upon.

The proposal is to run these Community Kitchens on similar lines to that on which Parkhill was conducted last year; and there will doubtless be a keen but friendly rivalry between the workers at these centres as to which shall record the greatest output.



COOK ROOM, PARK HILL

Parkhill are extending their accommodation and facilities to more than double that of last year; and have in mind a largely increased production of jams, jellies, pickles, soups; and last, but by no means least, 10,000 jars of chicken. The chickens are to be donated by the farmers or farmers' wives of that district.

The Hamilton Executive, whose well equipped kitchen on Park Street was completely devastated by fire in January last, had necessarily to find fresh quarters.

These were eventually obtained on Wellington St. North, and are centrally situated.

The arrangements and equipment are practically those of an up-to-date cannery, and the enthusiastic workers who have devoted their unstinted energies to this work from its inception, not only hope but intend to surpass all previous records.

In previous years, all commodities were put up in quart glass jars. The necessity for conserving shipping space, and the exigencies of transportation, practically make the adoption of tins compulsory this year.

This has the advantage, however, of conserving space to the extent of four-sevenths of that previously occupied ; and will also permit of the preservation of certain fruits in heavy syrup, instead of converting them into jams or jellies, as last year.

The Staff hope, too, whilst not lowering the standard of their products, to effect a saving of from 50 to 75 per cent. in the pro-rata quantity of sugar used,—a highly desirable consummation under existing circumstances ; whilst the cost of packing should be reduced by over 50 per cent.



CANADIAN RED CROSS FRUIT KITCHEN, HAMILTON

Pickles this year will be shipped in 10-gallon kegs ; all other products in tins.

It should be noted that in the Community Kitchens previously referred to, the Department of Agriculture (Women's Institute Branch) is defraying the cost of equipping and supplying Demonstrators.

In addition to the usual work of putting up fruits, etc., the Staff of the Hamilton Fruit Kitchen propose assisting the Canadian War Contingent Association by preparing and cooking 100,000 pounds of plum pudding, the cost of same, amounting to \$15,000, being defrayed *in toto* by the Branch of the Association in Manitoba.

In response to the appeal for plum puddings, Calgary has sent in \$500.00, and the British Ambulance Association, Long Beach and Los Angeles, California, wired they are sending \$800.00, so these, with other smaller donations, will permit the making of an additional 15,000 lbs.

These will be made during the month of August, and sent overseas as soon as possible afterward.

The gift of puddings will doubtless be supplemented by sufficient caramel sauce to meet the requirements of the 400,000 recipients.

The outstanding features of the work thus carried on by this Department of the Red Cross Society are :

1. The conservation of fruits, etc., that would otherwise be wasted or lost to the community (*e.g.*, windfall apples), and the conversion of same into the finest and purest of preserves and jellies.

2. The information and experience gained by the Voluntary Women Workers, who are themselves the first to admit the value of such added experience to the methods ordinarily adopted in their respective households.

3. The comfort and gratification afforded to our boys in the Overseas Hospitals.

In proof of which last, we draw attention to the letters on pp., 33-35, in which reference is made to the jam received from our kitchens.

REPORT OF SHIPMENTS OF MAPLE SYRUP AND MAPLE SUGAR, 1917 AND 1918.

H. MILBURN, *Supt. of Transportation, C.R.C.S.*

1917.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL BRANCH C.R.C.S.—MAPLE SUGAR CAMPAIGN.—900 pounds maple sugar, 666 gallons maple syrup.

HEADQUARTERS CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.—40,000 half-pound boxes maple sugar.

CANADIAN WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION.—128,000 half-pound boxes maple sugar.

1918.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL BRANCH C.R.C.S.—MAPLE SUGAR CAMPAIGN.—3,900 pounds maple sugar, 900 gallons maple syrup.

HEADQUARTERS CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.—120,000 half-pound boxes maple sugar.

CANADIAN WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION.—120,000 half-pound boxes maple sugar.

DE MONTE CHAPTER I.O.D.E., ST. JOHN, N.B.—8,000 half-pound boxes maple sugar.

This latter item is the result of a special campaign carried out by the De Monte Chapter of the I.O.D.E., St. John, N.B., of which Mrs. W. K. McLeod is Regent, Mrs. W. E. Foster, Chairman, of this Special Committee, Miss Smith being the Secretary.

NOTES

OPENING OF THE PARIS HOSPITAL

The Hospital near Paris, which the Society has built and equipped for the French nation, has now been completed. The formal presentation of the hospital was made by Sir Robert Borden to the President of France. Colonel Noel Marshall, Chairman of the Society, Mr. Dunstan, President of the Toronto Branch, Dr. J. W. Robertson, President of the Ottawa Branch, and Colonel R. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines, all members of the Central Executive of the Society, were present.

Colonel Marshall cabled as follows, after his return to England :
 “London, England, July 13th.

“Much pleased with Paris Hospital. Presentation great success. Accepted by President of French. Cannot speak too highly of Society’s operations in France. General Currie and Superintendents and Matrons of every Canadian Hospital and Casualty Clearing Station in France say assistance invaluable. They consider system wonderful and above criticism.”

A MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

From New Westminster Branch, B.C.

“We were so successful in our recent membership campaign that we feel we would like to pass the idea on, as it might help some other Branch. For a long time we had felt the need of bringing the demands of the Red Cross more emphatically before the public, and finally decided to have a two weeks’ membership campaign. This took the form of a house to house canvass, and for two weeks before it started we gave it the widest publicity possible. We found we had the most enthusiastic support from all classes in the city. At the end of the two weeks’ canvass we had secured over 2,300 members, or about 1 in 5 of the population, and the campaign has brought in up to date about \$4,600.00. Besides the actual monetary gain, there is the increased interest and sympathy which the added membership gives. This was shown in our last Tag Day, when the receipts were larger than that of any that had been held for months. “Before closing I would like to say that we are very proud of one of our knitters, who besides being Treasurer, has knitted 458 pairs of socks since the war started, and I would also like to tell you of a circle of young girls, none of them more than 15, who have set out to earn \$50.00 a month for the Red Cross and so far have been most successful.

"I cannot close without expressing our thanks and appreciation for the RED CROSS BULLETIN. We find it of the greatest benefit in keeping up the interest in the work of the Society."

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT RECENT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

Moved by Rev. Dyson Hague, seconded by N. W. Hoyles, Esq., K.C., LL.D.: That the Synod, convinced that these days of supreme crisis constitute a challenge to the Church to lead the Nation into the spirit of penitence and prayer, and the Nation to more humbly acknowledge dependence upon God, and the need of His help and protection,

1. Desires to express its thankfulness that the Governor-General-in-Council has been pleased to proclaim the 30th of June as a day of national humiliation and prayer for the success of the Allies, and further :

2. Recognizing the need of immediate spiritual preparation, puts on record its resolve to utilize to the full the spiritual forces by multiplying all possible opportunities for daily or weekly intercessions in every parish by special prayer services, by private and family prayer, by co-operation in public services of devotion, and by the clergy using their influence to have intercessory prayer more ordinarily made part of all meetings for Red Cross, and other patriotic work, to so awaken a new and profound seriousness of repentance and prayer as to prove that we as a people are turning to the Lord that He may have mercy upon us, by bringing in a peace that is founded on righteousness, and a victory that will above all things give glory to His Name.

RED CROSS LUXURIES *vs.* ARMY NECESSARIES

The letter from Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Bowlby, K.C.M.G., to Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John, which we publish, discusses a question of great interest and importance to the Red Cross. Sir Anthony Bowlby, one of the most distinguished British surgeons and a member of the British Red Cross Society's Council, learnt on a visit to the British Red Cross Store at Boulogne that Sir Robert Hudson felt the need of caution in their present rate of expenditure. He accordingly discusses the alternatives of reducing expenditure on such items as huts for hospitals, hospital trains, ships, motor-boats and ambulance cars, and of a reduction in the supply of stores. He is quite clear that it is the stores which really matter, as far as Red Cross work is concerned, and that if economies are necessary, as doubtless they are, the larger items should be left to the Government to whose care they properly belong.

Dear Sir Robert Hudson,—First. May I congratulate you on the most interesting report of the Finances of the British Red Cross Society. I read it with great appreciation of the work you have all been doing in England, to help, both us in France, and others elsewhere.

To-day I went to our Stores at Boulogne and I heard from Major Guise that you are feeling that there is need of more caution in spending your money. Well, I don't propose to try and teach you anything about finance, but I do want you to feel that the "Red

Cross" has become so valuable a support to us in our Daily Work that I think that nothing should be done to impair the confidence which everyone feels in it ; and if it were said that the B.R.C.S. had to curtail the expenditure on the innumerable things it does to help the British soldier I think it would be a bad thing all round.

May I suggest that, in the first place, the British Public will "see us through," and that we may rely on their coming to the rescue if we are really pressed.

In the next place, I would suggest that we can more easily save on certain gross expenditure than on the innumerable smaller things which constitute the more "personal" part of Red Cross work. For example—I don't think it is our job to build huts for Hospitals ; and I think that Motor Ambulance Cars can be just as well bought and maintained by the Army as by the Society, even if we run them. I think that the supply of Hospital Trains and Ships and Motor Boats is rather a Government concern, and not in the regular line of work of the British Red Cross Society.

On the other hand, the work that the Society does at every seat of War which is concerned with the personal help of individual sick and wounded is on a completely different footing. The provision of all sorts of stores and articles to supplement the Government supplies makes all the difference between "necessaries" and "luxuries." It does not matter whether we get more hot water bottles than can be indented for, or bed socks, or extra towels, and operating gowns, or linoleum for a floor, or pulleys for a splint. The all-important thing is that we can rely on getting all these, and a hundred others, from the B.R.C.S., and also that we can get them quickly. There are also lots of articles which the Army does not pretend to supply and which the B.R.C.S. does supply for that very reason. And I am quite clear in my own mind that these smaller things are the things that really matter. It is for these that the soldiers look to us—the Red Cross—and not for the gross things which are more Government concerns.

You know that I have been at the front since September, 1914, and no one has had more experience than I have had in that time of all that our men have gone through, and all that the Casualty Clearing Stations and Field Ambulances have done for them. You at home know that you have done much to help us, but you really don't know or fully realize *how* much you have helped us, or *how* much we have relied on the B.R.C.S. for support which has never failed. My own feeling is that we ought to save in every other possible way before we curtail expenditure on those stores and supplies which are in so special a way the very things for which everyone looks to the Red Cross and never looks in vain.

I confess that I feel almost selfish in writing to ask you not to curtail your expenditure in France, because I am conscious that I have become so accustomed to turn to the B.R.C.S. for help that I should be much handicapped if I know that we had to be economical in the requests for stores of various kinds. On the other hand I am sure you would not like that I should not tell you how invaluable has been the help we have always had and how much we should feel it if expenditure had to be cut down.

Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY A. BOWLBY."

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS

In the February report of the Scottish Women's Hospitals it is recorded that the Committee was about to open a new Hospital in France to be known as the "Elsie Inglis Hospital for Serbs in France" for the treatment of tuberculosis. A suitable building has been obtained at Sallauches, in the Haute Savoie, not far from Aix les Bains, and Dr. Matilda McPhail will be in charge as C.M.O. The Hospital will have accommodation for 100 patients. It is of interest to note that Canada has contributed \$35,000 to this cause, of which \$10,000 was a donation from the C.R.C.S. to endow the Canadian Ward at Royaumont Hospital. This Hospital was established in December, 1914, and is directly under the French Red Cross. It has a well-equipped X-Ray Department and Laboratory attached to it.

CANADIAN CONVALESCENT HOME FOR OFFICERS IN FRANCE

Three members of the Staff of the C.C.A. for Officers, Miss Burnham, Miss Galt and Miss Gaviller, having been in Toronto on leave, have recently returned to their duties in France. At a farewell party a short address was given by the Rev. Gore Barrow, a former patient in the home, in which he spoke enthusiastically and gratefully of all that had been done for himself and other sick and weary officers, ending with an appeal to "Carry on."

Miss Burnham gave a short and most interesting account of the Home from its inauguration. "The Villa Louli," she said, "was indeed a home in the true sense of the word for many a weary man. We were always rejoiced to see what a difference took place in their appearance in four or five days. We often used to say to each other how tired they looked when they came. They would arrive covered with dust and dirt and in many cases with only what they stood in. The hospitals do their best, and when the patient's clothes are riddled and torn with shrapnel, they provide something for them to travel in. When a man is wounded and picked up on the field it is impossible for him to look after his kit. . . . On leaving the Home most of the patients go directly up to the line, and I am glad to say that we have never allowed an officer to go back without warm socks and a few comforts." *Miss Burnham* said that their patients came from all the four corners of the globe—England, Ireland, Scotland, India, Australia, New Zealand, and South America, as well as the Dominion, and lastly, a few months ago, some wounded Americans from the United States Army.

Miss Stewart Galt dwelt mainly on the medical side of the Home, and especially on the massage department, from which excellent results had been obtained, while *Miss Gaviller* told the audience about that most important of all the departments—the kitchen—and we can well believe that the meals she provides are heartily appreciated by the war-worn officers used to the rough diet of the trenches.

The Home has now been moved further south, where a larger and more suitable house has been secured in a different hospital area.

NOTES FROM PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGNERS

■ *Nova Scotia*.—"Nova Scotia was allotted two hundred thousand dollars as her share of the Canadian Red Cross Budget for 1918. We

set our mark at two hundred and fifty thousand and finished to-night an eight days' strenuous campaign. Returns show over two hundred and seventy-eight thousand obtained with two counties still to hear from fully. Expect three hundred thousand dollars, of which Halifax gives over one hundred thousand."

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Branch of the C.R.C.S. is making a special appeal to the Teachers and School Children of the Province to assist in the fulfilment of their aim to raise \$1,000,000 during 1918. His Honour Lt.-Governor Sir R. S. Lake has sent a letter to the school children urging them to work for the Red Cross, and it is hoped that every school in the Province will arrange some method of raising a contribution to the School Red Cross Fund.

The Christian community of Universal Brotherhood, with head office at Veregin, in *Saskatchewan*, being the people commonly known as Doukhobors, have made a donation of \$5,000.00, \$2,000.00 in cash, and \$3,000.00 in the form of a note due on January 1st, 1919, to the Red Cross Campaign Fund. This donation is from the Doukhobors in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Manitoba.—The Red Cross Drive was carried on in July with real enthusiasm throughout all parts of the Province. Committees were formed in each district and meetings were well supported, and the speakers accorded an enthusiastic welcome. Sales, concerts, and local "drives" all helped to swell the Red Cross balance, with the magnificent result that the Province raised a total sum of \$1,357,262. This is \$957,262 in excess of the amount aimed at—\$400,000. The city of Winnipeg alone is responsible for \$699,293 of the total.

1917 "OUR DAY" APPEAL

‡The Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John has sent this Society their Annual Report, in which they express the warmest gratitude for the money collected in Canada during the "Our Day" Appeal last year. The following is an extract from the report :

"Probably it will interest our friends in Canada if I say how part of the monies they have entrusted to us have been applied. On December 6th occurred the awful explosion at Halifax, N.S., causing the loss of thousands of lives. As the calamity was occasioned by the explosion of munitions of war, it became possible to give relief from our funds. Immediately, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General and of the Canadian Red Cross, we cabled that \$125,000 out of the monies collected for us in the Dominion should be applied to the instant relief of urgent cases. Sums amounting to \$630,000 have also been used to pay for lard and flour brought across the Atlantic to provide bread to be baked in Denmark and despatched in the parcels sent by the Red Cross to British prisoners of war in enemy countries."

AMERICAN CONVALESCENT HOME FOR OFFICERS AND MEN AT BIARRITZ

The American Red Cross Society, Paris, has communicated with the Commissioner advising that they had taken over a hotel with about 350 beds at Biarritz for convalescent officers and men, and

asking that we should send some Canadian convalescents at their expense. This generous offer has been gratefully accepted by the Society.

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE LATE "CITY OF VIENNA" THANK RED CROSS

Mrs. F. B. McCurdy, of the Society's Branch in Nova Scotia, has received the following letter :

"Dear Madam,—I want to express my gratitude, as well as that of the officers and men who were shipwrecked on the ill-fated "City of Vienna" recently, for the prompt and heroic measures taken by the Red Cross Society in supplying the 1,300 troops with cigarettes, tobacco, socks, kit comforts, towels and soap.

The men now fully realize the great benefits derived from the Red Cross Society, having had it fully brought home to them by the promptness in which their actual and pressing needs were attended to.

Wishing you all future encouragement in your present campaign,
I remain, yours sincerely,

EDOUARD LEPROHON, Lt.-Col.,

O.C. Troops and Drafts, late "City of Vienna."

CANADA

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

HELD ON MAY 29TH, JUNE 10TH, JUNE 25TH, 1918,
Nos. 154, 155, 156.

Present: Lt.-Col. Noel Marshall (chairman), Mr. K. J. Dunstan, Brig.-Gen. Hon. James Mason, Miss G. Brock, Brig.-Gen. Sir John N. Gibson, Mr. W. R. Miller, Mrs. H. P. Plumptre, Col. A. E. Gooderham, Lt.-Col. R. W. Leonard, Mr. Featherston Osler, K.C., Mr. F. Gordon Osler, Dr. J. W. Robertson, C.M.G., Mr. J. T. Small, K.C., and Mr. B. S. MacInnes.

Officers' Hospital, London.—The meeting had been specially called to further consider the question of the proposed Officers' Hospital, London, England.

The question having been fully discussed and cables and correspondence submitted, the Committee unanimously authorized the provision of the Hospital on the conditions set forth in the following cable, which was despatched to Col. Blaylock :

Toronto, May 29.

"Upon unanimous advice of yourself and London War Committee and subject to legal precautions as hereunder, our Executive authorizes renting and equipment of hospital suggested in your cable. This is all subject to your getting legal opinion that our lease and all obligations connected with this matter are limited to the period of the war and not more than one year thereafter, also careful provisions as to reparation and restoration of building."—Marshall.

A letter from Mr. G. C. Cassels dated May 10th and from Lady Drummond, dated May 13th, with reference to their appointments, were read.

Visit to England.—The question of the proposed visit to England of representatives of the Society was discussed, and the following resolution was unanimously carried :

“*Resolved*,—that the following members of the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society be appointed to visit and inspect the work and operations of the Society overseas, viz.: Lt.-Col. Noel G. L. Marshall, Chairman of the Central Council and Executive Committee ; Dr. J. W. Robertson, C.M.G.; Mr. K. J. Dunstan ; Mr. R. B. Bennett, K.C.; and Lt.-Col. R. W. Leonard ; with full powers from the Executive Committee to act in cases of urgency.” And it was ordered that a copy of the resolution be given to each of the above mentioned members.

The Chairman was requested to write to the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence overseas, notifying him of the appointment of the Committee and requesting his assistance and advice during their visit.

Officers in Holland.—The following cable sent by Col. Blaylock was read :

London, May 26th.

Extract resolution passed inauguration meeting, Canadian Officers' Club, Scheveningen,—“That we, the Canadian officers recently translated from Hunland to Heaven deem it our duty and feel infinite pleasure in placing on record our most sincere thanks and gratitude for the never failing efforts and the far-reaching benefits of the Canadian Red Cross Society towards the amelioration of our unfortunate condition during the past three years. Signed, MAJOR CORY, Forty-eighth Highlanders.”—Blaylock.

Canadian War Contingent Association

The Chairman reported that he had paid over to the Canadian War Contingent Association the sum of \$50,000 on account of their hospital work as authorized at the meeting held on February 19th, and his action was approved.

Red Cross Cottages

The question of the Red Cross Cottages to be provided by the Society in connection with certain Military Hospitals in Canada was fully discussed. Col. Leonard submitted a memorandum from the Ladies' Committee and reported on his negotiations with the Military Authorities in connection with the plans, etc., and an amended plan of the proposed cottages which was considered an improvement on the original, was discussed, together with the question of the sites of the cottages at the various hospitals.

The following cables were read and approved :

Paris Hospital Opening

To Sir R. B. Borden.

Montreal, June 3rd.

Borden, Dominion, London, England,—Arrangements being made to open Canadian Red Cross Hospital in Paris July 1st.

Executive would feel honoured if you will make presentation. Our Commissioner or London Chairman will confer with you. Expect to see you in a few days.—Marshall.

Purchasing Committee

The report of the first meeting of the Purchasing Committee held on June 6th was submitted. After consideration it was moved by Mrs. Plumptre and carried :

“That the report be held over until the next meeting so that further information and a statement of last year’s purchases might be produced.”

In the meantime it was decided that, as suggested in the report, a cable be sent to Col. Marshall asking for an estimate of requirements during the next six and twelve months.

Prisoners of War

Mrs. Plumptre gave a résumé of correspondence and reports received showing that a large saving of expenditure could be made by the parcels being in future packed by the Prisoners of War Department instead of by the Civil Service Stores.

Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, London, Ont.

Telegram from Lady Beck, of May 31st, and her two letters with reference to the application from the London Branch for a grant of \$10,000, in connection with the above, having been considered, it was moved by Mrs. Plumptre, seconded by Mr. Gordon Osler, and carried,

“That a grant of \$10,000 to the London Ontario Branch towards furnishing the buildings for tuberculous military patients at the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium be approved and authorized.”

Maple Sugar

The purchase from the Grimm Manufacturing Co. of thirty tons of maple sugar, packed in half-pound boxes, at 16c. per half-pound, as per Mr. H. Milburne’s letter of May 29th, at a total cost of \$19,200.00, was approved and authorized.

Mr. H. Milburne’s Position

In order to place Mr. Milburne on a proper footing in dealing with the Society’s shipping affairs, the Committee approved of his being designated “Superintendent of Transportation.”

Hart House

A further grant of \$1,500 applied for by Dr. E. A. Bott, in connection with the work of Functional Re-education at Hart House, was approved and confirmed.

Mrs. Plumptre submitted a pamphlet which she was compiling, entitled, “What the Canadian Red Cross is Doing in the Great War,” and which as suggested by H. E. the President, it was proposed to publish in French as well as English. The pamphlet was cordially approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Plumptre, seconded by Mr. F. Gordon Osler, and carried unanimously :

"That the Committee cordially welcome Sir John Gibson back on his return from overseas."

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, MONTREAL, JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 1918.

SUPPLIES SHIPPED OVERSEAS.

To Canadian Red Cross Society.

Toronto Headquarters—Including shipments from Toronto Local Branch, Oshawa, Cranbrook, Trail, Nanaimo, Cobourg, St. Catharines, Windsor, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Paris, Kitchener, New Liskeard, Nelson, Vancouver, Schumacher, Brampton, Owen Sound, Mt. Fernie, Loughborough, Timmins, Campbell's Cross, Collingwood, Rossland, Burketon Junction. 1288

Quebec Prov. Branch, C.R.C.S.	646	Peterborough Branch	C.R.C.S.	63
Alberta Prov. Branch,	"	New Brunswick Prov. Branch,	"	56
Manitoba Prov. Branch,	"	Hamilton I.O.D.E.		35
Nova Scotia Prov. Br.	"	Belleville Cheeseboard Br.	C.R.C.S.	18
London Branch,	"	Ashburnham Branch,	"	14
Cobalt Branch,	"	Quebec City Branch,	"	13
Ottawa Branch,	"	East Hamilton War Relief		11
Saskatchewan Prov. Br.,	"	Saskatoon Branch,	C.R.C.S.	10
Hamilton Branch,	"	Prince Edward Island Branch,	"	9
Victoria City and Dist. Br.	"	Moncton Branch,	"	7
Edmonton Branch,	"	Morrisburg Red Cross Workers.		1
St. John Local Branch,	"			—4281
	65			

New Brunswick Cold Storage—Preserves	3664
Imperial Tobacco Company—Cigarettes and Tobacco	660
Grimm Mfg. Company—Maple Syrup	143
Hamilton Fruit Department—Jelly and Canned Chicken	438
Galt Bros.—Underwear	64
Wm. Wrigley Company—Chewing Gum	50
Harrower and Johnston—General Supplies	11
T. S. Simms and Company—Whisks	6
Draper-Maynard Company—Baseball Outfits	5
John G. Myers and Company—Carpet Samples	1
Greeley Mfg. Company—(5000 Hypodermic Units)	1
	—5043

To Canadian War Contingent Association.

Toronto Headquarters—Including shipments from Toronto Local Branch, Owen Sound, Prince Rupert, Vancouver Branch, Madoc, Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie. 430

London Branch,	C.R.C.S.	197	Belleville Red Cross and Pat. Asso.	10	
Alberta Prov. Branch,	"	85	Quinte Chapter, I.O.D.E.	7	
Nova Scotia Prov. Br.,	"	65	Argyle Chapter, I.O.D.E.	4	
Belleville Cheeseboard Br.	"	39	Cornwall I.O.D.E.	3	
A.M.C. Auxiliary, Toronto		36	Saskatchewan Branch,	C.R.C.S.	2
Dr. Eberett		34	New Brunswick Prov. Br.,	"	2
Asso. Field Comforts, Hamilton		33	St. John Local Branch,	"	1
Ottawa Branch, C.R.C.S.		26	Peterborough Branch,	"	1
Belleville C.W.C.A.		13			— 211

Total. Cases 11,600

H. MILBURNE, *Supt. of Transportation.*

SUMMARY OF SUPPLIES

To Canadian Red Cross Society.

Handkerchiefs, Wash Cloths,		Old Linen	1,426
Mouth Wipes	174,792	Slippers	1,320
Socks	84,749	Sur. Caps	1,310
Towels	80,655	Sur. Gowns	1,198
Personal Property Bags	68,388	Nurses' Aprons	1,174
Bandages	62,733	Gauze Rolls	1,139
Pillow Slips	57,200	Amp. Dressing Covers	1,039
Pyjamas	45,684	Hot Water Bottle Covers	1,006
Shirts	25,526	Whisks	912
Stretcher Caps	16,744	Lap. Stockings	876
Binders and Bands	16,420	Mufflers and Scarfs	843
Compresses	15,125	Hot Water Bottles	816
Kit Bags	12,594	Trench Caps	764
Bed Pads	9,259	Amp. Bandages	713
Sheets	8,146	Small Kits	599
Slings	7,145	Oper. Gowns	504
Underdrawers	5,475	Razors	500
Bed Pan Covers	5,160	Pillows	409
Hospital Stockings, }		Quilts	254
Hospital Boots, }	4,387	Surgical Shirts	238
Bed Socks, }		Sweaters	174
Hospital Shirts	4,201	Gauze Underwear	160
Pneumonia Jackets	4,138	Mattress Covers	118
Surgical Pads	3,821	Hospital Supplies	96
Comforts	3,404	Conval. Robes	93
Oper. Stockings	2,858	Cushions	70
Crutch Tips	2,700	Sur. Coats	36
Fomentation Wringers	2,155	Bandage Socks	22
Housewives	2,126	Pairs Boots	6
Under Shirts	1,663	Cheesecloth (Rolls)	6
Dressing Gowns	1,663	Wristlets	6
Bed Jackets	1,474	Foot Pad Rests	5

Miscellaneous Supplies.

4,000,000 Cigarettes.	1,026 Cases Canned Chicken.
4,000 lbs. Tobacco.	918 gals. Maple Syrup.
7,254 Shirts.	912 Whisks.
7,023 Wool Socks.	150 Fielders' Gloves.
6,060 Drawers.	75 Bats.
5,688 Wool Mitts.	75 Baseman's Mitts.
6,858 quarts Jam.	25 Catchers' Mitts.
5,000 boxes Chewing Gum.	25 Protectors.
5,000 Hypodermic Units.	25 Masks.
1,260 cases Canned Peaches.	11 cases General Supplies.
1,144 cases Canned Pears.	1 bale Carpet Samples.

To Canadian War Contingent Association.

Socks	51,130	Scarfs	18
Towels	4,517	Wristlets	16
Shirts	1,290	Personal Prop. Bags	12
Handkerchiefs	638	Sweaters	12
Stretcher Caps	598	Scrap Books	8
Soap	180	Bandages	6
Caps	153	Vermin Suits	4
Trench Caps	141	Helmets	3
Sheets	81	Dusters	2
Pillow Slips	71	Pillows	1
		Miscellaneous (Cases)	259

H. MILBURNE.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER ON THE WORK OVERSEAS.

FOR THE SIX WEEKS ENDING MAY 25TH, 1918.

Before proceeding to the details of the report I desire to express my keen appreciation of the great honour done me in my appointment by the Toronto Executive as their Commissioner Overseas.

It is a high privilege to be chosen to distribute, under the direction and guidance of the London War Committee, the funds and supplies so generously forwarded overseas by the people of Canada. My fervent hope is that I may always act wisely as their almoner, and with the same spirit of generosity that the people at home have shown in their bountiful gifts; that nothing in our power here may be left undone to make the way smoother for the sick and wounded, and to add comfort to their lot, and that every possible precaution may be taken against waste.

After three years and three months of work I leave France with feelings of the deepest regret. The relations of the Canadian Red Cross Society with the C.A.M.C., the Military authorities and the British Red Cross Society during that entire period, have been of the happiest. In fact I do not recall one case of friction.

Col. A. E. Ross, head of the Canadian Medical Service in France, the Commanding Officers and the Matrons of the various Units, have all taken a deep interest in our work. They have done everything in their power to ensure our supplies being properly used to help the wounded and sick, and they have helped to check waste, as well as to prevent improper demands being made upon us. It was a great pleasure to work with such courteous and capable associates and to supply their wants.

In France Capt. David Law succeeds me as Assistant Commissioner. We have worked together for many months, and I know of no one to whom I would rather hand on the torch in these critical days than to this keen, energetic and sympathetic business man. With Capt. Law in charge, ably assisted by Miss V. M. Butcher, V.A.D., who has been my secretary for nearly three years, I have no fears for the future of our work in France.

Since my arrival in England I have been fortunate enough to secure Lady Drummond as my Assistant Commissioner in this country. Through the length and breadth of Canada, throughout the entire Empire in fact, Lady Drummond's whole-hearted devotion to the cause of the sick and wounded is known and valued. The brave wives and mothers of the Dominion whose hearts ache with anxiety for the men from whom they are separated by a waste of seas, know that in Lady Drummond they and their men have a strong and tender friend. I am fortunate indeed to have the benefit of her advice and experience in Red Cross affairs here. Nor is this the only advantage; I feel, also, that through her the women of Canada, who have played so fine and faithful a part in building up this great organization, will have an important voice in the carrying on of the work here which is so close to their hearts.

I arrived in England just as our offices were being moved from Cockspur Street to the Hotel York, Berners Street, W.1. With the trouble and confusion of the move behind us we are able to realize

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Not the least advantage of the change is that we are in the midst of all the Canadian Headquarters, and within easy distance of all the authorities.

I should like to record that throughout the move we were treated with the greatest kindness and courtesy by the officers of H.M. Board of Works.

In order to bring the Stores and Purchasing Departments into closer touch, and to have the records of supplies and stock sheets more efficiently kept, I have brought from France Capt. H. Testar, who was with me there almost from the start, and have placed him at the head of the Stores Department.

Capt. Testar, who is a painstaking and efficient organizer, is in intimate collaboration with Mr. MacMicken of the Purchasing Department, and Mr. Wood of the Warehouses.

I am having lists prepared to be forwarded to Toronto, showing our probable wants for twelve months in advance, for the articles usually made in Canada.

The Prisoners of War Department, under Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley, is about to undertake the packing of its own parcels, and for this purpose the premises of 21 Berners Street, have been secured. They are only a few doors from Headquarters and are admirably adapted for the work. Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley will deal fully with the reason for this change, etc., in her report.

The Nursing Sisters' Convalescent Home at 66 Ennismore Gardens, under Mrs. Charles Hall, continues its admirable work. I hear nothing but praise of the Home from all who have been its guests. From personal observation I can testify that everything possible is done for the comfort and happiness of the Sisters who are recovering from illness, or staying there, and there is no doubt that the Home fills a long felt want.

I have visited the Hospitals in the south of England, and I hope during the next week or two to have seen every Canadian Hospital in England, and to re-visit them all from time to time. I find that to keep in touch, as far as possible, with the Officers in Charge and with the Matrons, is the best way to discover the needs of the Units, which vary in different hospitals.

On Wednesday, May 8th, we had the honour of a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who graciously inspected all the Departments, shaking hands with and speaking to the various workers, and displaying the deepest interest in the activities of our many branches.

In conclusion I would place on record my deep and warm appreciation of the assistance that has been given me by the London War Committee. It is a source of great confidence to your Commissioner in dealing with trust funds to know that he has so strong a Committee to which to refer for advice and direction, not only at the regular weekly meetings but at any time that an appeal is made for counsel and for assistance.

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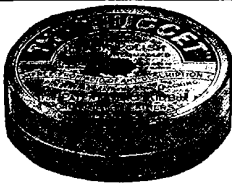
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LADY DRUMMOND.

By Mrs. Molson.

The recent appointment of Lady Drummond as Assistant Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society is an honour which has given great satisfaction to all who are privileged to work with her.

Since settling in our new quarters we have had a considerable number of visitors, among them the Duke of Connaught, the Princess Patricia, and Sir Richard Turner. On account of our increasing activities and correspondingly larger staff of workers, the Canadian Red Cross decided to open a cafeteria in the basement of its new quarters. Mrs. I. W. Watts has been made house-quartermaster and under her able direction an attractive, well-aired dining-room with many small tables has been opened. Here the Red Cross workers can obtain a good luncheon and tea at a moderate charge, also at a great saving of time.

Our Bureau is doing everything possible to encourage the men to take advantage of the courses offered by the Khaki University, and make it a practice to enclose a copy of their circular in every parcel sent out. One of our visitors writes :

“Thank you for the straight razor you sent Private —— wrapped in the letter from the Khaki University. He wrote their Headquarters at once and when I next saw him he was surrounded by their books and contented to be studying electricity, which was his trade before the war ; he hopes to improve himself greatly.”

I. ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT—Miss Erika Bovey.

(a) *Visiting Section*—Miss Rickards.

This part of our work seems to grow almost more than any other branch. So many requests, demands and suggestions are constantly coming in from outside sources. Since our last report we have arranged to undertake the visiting of hospitals in Reserve Depôts ; these include what are commonly known as camp-cases, most of them being men awaiting orders to proceed overseas. There seems to have been especial need for this at the Bramshott Military Hospital, where Mrs. Cecil Thomson has taken complete charge of the visiting, and also of the Recreation Hut which has meant so much to the men newly arrived from Canada and undergoing the somewhat trying training of the embryo soldier.

One of the best visited of our hospitals is No. 4 Canadian General at Basingstoke, under the able convenership of the Honourable Mrs. Walter Stopford ; it will be remembered that this hospital was established by the well-known Toronto unit that was first sent to Saloniki. The twenty odd visitors seem to take a very real interest in their patients, since the warm days of summer. One of them has given charming weekly garden parties for the men, providing games and tea out of doors. The visiting of officers is being much developed as in almost every instance the reply to Lady Drummond's letter, asking if there was anything we might do for

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them while in hospital requested that someone might come and see them. Too much cannot be said in praise of our Red Cross visitors, who do so much more than they have promised to undertake for our men, and seem to grow so genuinely fond of them.

(b) *Officers Casualties*—Mrs. Craik.

Possibly more tact is required in looking up and tracing the officers than the men. However, we have always been met with the greatest courtesy, the officers often expressing regret that we should have our time taken up by their personal affairs. As a general rule they prefer to answer the cable or letter themselves. We, however, must respond to the enquiry and at their request usually cable the officer's address and a word as to his physical condition.

Almost invariably on the receipt in Canada of the official telegram with notification of the casualty we receive a cable from the nearest of kin asking for details. By means of our system with the hospital representatives in France we are usually able to despatch details to Canada within 48 hours.

(c) *Written Enquiries*—Mrs. Jamieson.

One particularly interesting case has passed through our files of late. An enquiry came from a small town in the western part of Canada for a boy from whom his parents had not heard for about a year. After a good deal of effort and time we located him in a small hospital in Basra, Mesopotamia, recovering from an operation for appendicitis. It appears that he with two other Canadians had been sent to Basra some time ago to repair some American machinery and had been attached to an Imperial Railway Supply Dépôt ; parcels and newspapers were despatched to him at once and a full report sent to his parents. It is most gratifying to us to be able this to trace our men into different countries, through various units and hospitals, and to be able to forward detailed information to those at home.

(d) *Hospitality Section*—Miss Caverhill.

Leave opened to a small extent in the Canadian Army last week and in consequence many officers from the Front came to us wanting suggestions as to where they should spend it. We were able to send 19 to private homes at our disposal in different parts of the country, in addition to the usual number of convalescents for whom we dispense hospitality, most of whom seem to be from the Royal Air Force at present. Scotland is as usual the popular choice and everything there is kept full up. The following letter was sent to us a short time ago and there was no mistaking just what sort of a holiday this young man wanted :

"I am writing to ask about a place to spend my sick leave. I have no relatives in England, so want to make it a sort of home. I should like a nice country home, some young people if possible where I could play tennis and golf and have some riding. I do not want anything in the way of hotels or boarding houses, neither do I want anything in the way of a convalescent home for after two years' service I am heartily sick of the life and want to get as far away from army institutions as possible."

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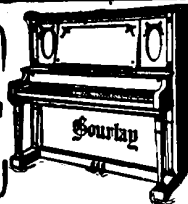
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II. DRIVES AND ENTERTAINMENTS—Miss Armored Thomas.

We now have five motor cars at our disposal, the cars and drivers being voluntary and the Canadian Red Cross supplying the petrol. This has enabled us to give to officers and men 76 drives in one week, 86 in another, and 114 in the following, as the weather improved. One of the sisters whose first outing was in one of our cars has as many as five different wounds received in the recent bombing of hospitals in France. When taking the men out for motor drives tea is usually provided for them at our expense at the Eagle Hut—one of the largest of the Y.M.C.A. huts in London—the officers being taken to the “Rendezvous”—the club opened by Lady Markham. One day a number of our men were invited to Ranelagh for tea and transportation was arranged for by us. Mr. Thomas Radford and Miss Adeline Levey have been as generous as usual in supplying us with theatre tickets, as many as 200 officers, men and nursing sisters enjoying the various shows since our last report.

Lady MacDonnell of the Irish Women's Prisoners Association gave a garden party for repatriated prisoners of war in the private gardens of the Princess Louise at Kensington, eight of our Canadian boys were invited and enjoyed the beautiful grounds and a good tea in the open. The Princess herself was present and spoke to each man in turn.

III. PARCELS DEPARTMENT—Mrs. David Fraser.

Since our last report 518 parcels have been sent out in answer to special requests ; 430 kit bags, 120 parcels of fruit and 17 men met at St. Pancras en route to Buxton.

The store room in our new quarters is most capacious and with its many shelves and cupboards all systematically marked, it is easy to respond at once to the many requests that are filled. Miss Hagarty, one of our workers, when visiting at St. Dunstan's Hospital for the Blind the other day, came across a man who could not find a certain kind of razor-blade which he wanted and without which he found it difficult to manage. Knowing we had the special kind in stock Miss Hagarty invited him to come to our storeroom and see if there were any things which he would like, and to which he was entitled. The result was that eight men were fetched by our Red Cross motors and spent two hours in our storeroom, feeling and touching everything, asking many questions, having ginger-ale and cake as a treat and going back with boots, razor blades, underwear, maple-sugar, etc. Their good spirits were quite infectious, and one fellow blinded for life was heard to remark, “Gee ! with a pair of boots like this I think I'll go back to France as an observer.”

With reference to our Christmas stockings delivered so long ago, we hear from one of our visitors :

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found in his only the other day, two five dollar Canadian bills pinned inside something in the stocking. It made him so happy. I only wish the lady who put them there could know about it."

IV. NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT—Mrs. Gibb Carsley.

During the months of March and April four mails were received, 95 bags of newspapers and magazines in March and 62 in April. The work of this Department is becoming increasingly broader, regular shipments of papers being now sent to France for use in hospitals and to Prisoners of War in Switzerland. Just lately a request has been received to send papers to those interned in Holland, the first lot being despatched last week.

Many of the men whom we have supplied for some time with home papers do not let us lose sight of them and notify us when any change in orders come, as shown by the following :—"My dear kind friends, —As I have not received any Canadian papers in over a month I thought I would write you, as I miss them something terrible. They are a great comfort to me, as well as two others Canadians aboard the ship I am on now. I've been changed as you will see to another ship; it's a new one, only in the water a short while. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, yours respectfully, for King and Country.

Seaman —,"

V. PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT—(Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley)

A great deal has happened since my last report. We have moved from Cockspur Street to our new premises, the "adoptions" have been taken off our hands by Toronto, and what affects us even more than these changes, important though they are, it has been decided that we should undertake the packing of our own parcels.

Personally I was very sorry to leave Cockspur Street and the move was a very serious undertaking. I must confess, however, that we have very good accommodation here and more room than we had before.

The "adoptions" having been taken over by Toronto is one of the best things that has happened to us. Curiously enough a letter from Colonel Noel Marshall on the subject crossed one from me making almost identical proposals. It had long been apparent that the amount of detailed clerical work involved was really more than we could undertake, if the general welfare of the prisoners was not to be neglected. The same amount of parcels was sent them, whether they were adopted or not, therefore no material benefit accrued to the men themselves for the enormous amount of work involved. A very good building only a few doors away has been secured, and I hope before the end of the month parcels will be going from there to Germany. Almost the only complaints we have had from our men for the last few months have been regarding the small parcels of tobacco and cigarettes, many of which from one cause or another never reach the men. Under this new system of packing we shall include the smokes in the provision parcels, which I am confident will give them a better chance of reaching their destination.

A number of more prisoners have been repatriated and been met as before at the station, and a reception was held at the hospitals.

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**REPORT OF THE NURSING SISTERS' REST HOME,
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APRIL-MAY, 1918.

An added feature of the Home is the arrangement being effected to provide tennis for the Sisters, who have been asked to join in the use of the courts of Lady Markham's Club for Officers.

Tickets have been sent for the Zoological Gardens, Regent Park, for the use of the Sisters during the summer.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has made an unofficial visit to the Home, and was very pleased with the arrangements.

Madame Karina, première Danseuse Royal Opera, Covent Garden, and Royal Opera, Copenhagen, and two of her small girl pupils, came and danced for the Sisters one evening.

186 Sisters have been admitted to the Home during the two months.

FRANCE

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ON THE
WORK IN FRANCE**

FOR SIX WEEKS ENDING MAY 18TH, 1918.

The period covered by this report has been a quiet one as regards the direct care of Canadian wounded and sick, as our men have not been engaged in any serious fighting so far. Nevertheless, conditions here have entailed a certain amount of anxiety and a great deal of work.

Three of our hospitals had to be evacuated at short notice for various reasons; they were all a long distance away, and their Red Cross stores had to be brought to the warehouse here, and the furniture and equipment of the Recreation Huts removed. All the help we could give the O.C's in their hurried removals was given. Two of our casualty clearing stations also had to move. One of the hospitals resumed work again within a fortnight and required all their Red Cross supplies (amounting to several lorry loads) back again. The calls upon our transport during that time were consequently very heavy, but as it is such exigencies of war that we are here to meet, all demands for assistance were cheerfully filled—this having been made possible by the kindness of the American Red Cross in having loaned us four large lorries.

The work of the Advanced Stores at the front has continued as usual, the Field Ambulances being visited regularly twice a week and all requests met.

On May 2nd we had the pleasure of a visit from General Foster (D.M.S. Canadians), and Colonel Adami, who proceeded to Paris to inspect the hospital there, which is now nearing completion.

On May 4th the American Red Cross, Paris, wired to offer us part of the accommodation in a large hotel which they have taken in the south of France for convalescent officers. We hope to be able to take advantage of their kindness, as it will fill a pressing need and be

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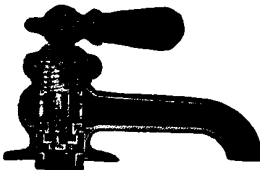


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On May 1st Miss Galt (from the London Office) joined us to undertake the visiting of Canadians in British hospitals in this district and the distribution of comfort and kit bags.

Colonel Blaylock having been called to England in the middle of April to take charge of the Society's work there (and being subsequently appointed Chief Commissioner), the Executive in Toronto and the London War Committee have been kind enough to appoint me Assistant Commissioner for France. I much regret that owing to personal reasons it is impossible for me to accept the position permanently, but until such time as another officer can be found I am carrying on the work to the best of my ability.

D. LAW, *Captain,*
Assistant Commissioner.

MAIL BAG

THANKS FROM WOUNDED CANADIANS

MANCHESTER, 4th June, 1918.

"The Canadian boys at ——— Hospital present their compliments to Lady Drummond and wish to express their sincere thanks for all the kindness and trouble that is being taken to supply them with the Red Cross Comforts they receive from time to time.

"It is very much appreciated by one and all, and the boys regret that they are not able except by letter to express what they feel in the matter."

THREE APPRECIATIONS OF THE C.R.C.S. JAM

14th Can. Gen. Hospital,
Eastbourne, Sussex, England,

June 10th, 1918.

In this hospital we are enjoying to-day some of your jam, and every day we get some comfort to remind us of the great work all you women of Canada are doing. We appreciate it very much, and my hat is off to all the women of the world who have made this war their war, and by a thousand little things done kept us in cheer. Thank them all for all of us ; with those warm thoughtful hearts at home we will never quit until we win.

FRANCE, June 3rd, 1918.

MY DEAR DR. STORMS,—I want to let you know that in several hospitals in England and France, and I have seen more than twenty, as soon as the nurses heard I came from Hamilton the first thing they said was that the fruit which was sent out by the Red Cross Kitchen there was one of the inspirations of the war. It has been of incalculable cheer to the men during their convalescence when the regular food of the ——— Hospital does not always appeal.

I know that you have been the heart and soul of the work and I want to send you this line of personal testimony to your prescience and the consecrated energy of your helpers.

FROM LIEUT.-COL. J. J. FRASER,
O.C. No. 2, Canadian Field Ambulance.

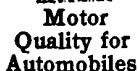
FRANCE, July, 1918.

I wish to express the thanks of the men here for the preserved fruit sent by the people of Hamilton.

To realize how it is appreciated, one must have lived on "Regulation Jam" for a few months.

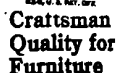
We have given this, which looks and tastes like *fresh fruit*, to men in our advanced dressing stations ; to sick and wounded just out of the line. It is good to see how it is enjoyed. The touch of home that it gives is not its least attraction.

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To see a glass jar filled with your cherries or peaches, is like a glimpse of home land.

Here, we miss the home life ; and while I know that you must all do a great deal of work, believe me, you reap a rich reward in the gratitude of your boys overseas.

FROM REPATRIATED PRISONERS

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have arrived in Holland quite safe. I am very pleased to be away from Germany. I must thank you ever so much for sending food to us while in Germany. It is just like being at home here, the only thing is the separation from my wife and children. The people are very good to us ; it does not matter where you go, there is always a smile and kind words. It is nice to be able to go out and be with civilization again."

"At last I am able to thank you and your helpers for what you have done for me and my unfortunate comrades who are still in the worst country on God's earth, as no doubt you know some of the troubles of English swineries in Germany, and I can assure you that had it not been for the parcels which we got right through that miserable existence, well, there would have been only one thing for it (about 6 ft. of wood). I believe firmly that the boys would have been all on the departed list by now, myself included."

"Now that we are clear of Germany I wish to thank most sincerely the Canadian Red Cross for the trouble they have taken on my behalf during my imprisonment.

"I do not think that any organization for Prisoners of War looks after its men better than the Canadian Red Cross and that is saying quite a lot, considering the number of men now to be looked after."

"Now that the opportunity presents itself, I take great pleasure in writing you a few words, which, although only words, they are from my heart, thanking you for your kindness in the manner in which you have looked after my needs as regards food and clothing."

"I am pleased to inform you that I am one of the lucky ones to arrive in Holland, and to express my most warmest and heartiest thanks to you and all the staff of the Canadian Red Cross Prisoners of War Department for the splendid way in which you looked after our interests while in Germany."

FROM A PATIENT IN SUFFOLK HOSPITAL

Ampton, Bury St. Edmunds.

I have just received the handsome Red Cross bag given by the Canadian Red Cross. It was a real pleasure to receive such an assortment of useful articles, just the very things I need.

I convey to you and those whose generosity has been shown in this way, my heartfelt thanks. These things are appreciated by the boys more than what is recorded."

FROM A COMMANDANT

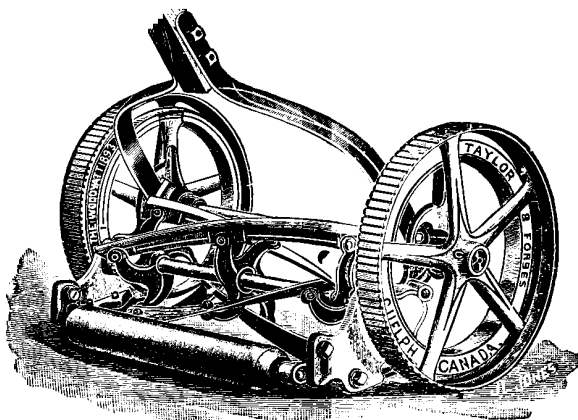
All your splendid arrangements both for officers and men, from my own experience in my two Hospitals, I can assure you are enormously appreciated. I should like to take this opportunity of telling you how grateful we are for all your kind care of your men.

FROM A RED CROSS VISITOR

Estrelle, Florence Road, Boscombe, 28th April, 1918.

Sapper S—— is a Russian, went out to Nebraska as a child, and enlisted as above in Quebec.

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British Legation, Berne.

Your last lot of assorted Canadian newspapers received yesterday, for which please accept my very best thanks. The same have to-day been forwarded to the various camps for distribution among the Canadians.

The Canadians in Switzerland appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in having the newspapers, magazines, etc., forwarded out here and trust that you will continue to do so in the future.

On my arrival in London I shall make it a point to call at the Canadian Red Cross Offices, so as to thank you personally for the interest yourself and staff have taken in the Canadian interned prisoners in Switzerland.

FROM ONE OF OUR HOSPITAL VISITORS

"I really believe we are going to help that poor youngster, Sapper — pul' round a bit. The only things he will touch are the eggs and port wine and bananas which the Red Cross send him, and he is actually looking a bit better. I was so pleased to find him improved on visiting him to-day that I felt I must write and tell you, and think it was with the idea of showing his gratitude that the child (for he is only 19) put a hand out over the bed clothes and insisted on shaking hands when I said goodbye. He has been much too weak and ill before to care whether one came or went."

FROM A SERGEANT IN HOSPITAL

"I want to thank you very gratefully for the pleasant surprise packet, and also would you kindly convey my gratefulness to the good people at home for their wonderful thoughtfulness. Just another instance of our splendid women's efforts. I often say to myself, God bless our dear women, they are just great. I spent twelve months in France in the supports all the time, and I can assure you all these dear little expressions of what you feel for the boys when we get leave or are likely to get laid low in hospital comes right down to us. One can get very hard with all the devilish sordidness over there, and your efforts in all these different ways with the human touch of thought and love brings us right back again. I repeat, God bless you all."

FROM SCHEVENINGEN, HOLLAND.

Dear Madame—I really must apologize for not conveying to you sooner my heartiest thanks and appreciation for your untiring efforts and kindness shown to us during our long term of exile. Possibly, at times, our sentiments were not expressed in such a way that one could appreciate them, but, nevertheless, I am quite confident you thoroughly understand the boys' position in prison camps and naturally they are not always in the best of moods, and consequently, to relieve their burden of wounds, they incessantly appealed to you. I sincerely hope you haven't taken such to heart, as one in captivity is not always liable for his actions, as we had very little scope to air our fermented and unsettled minds.

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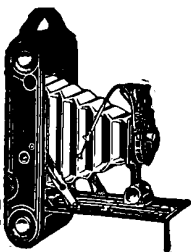
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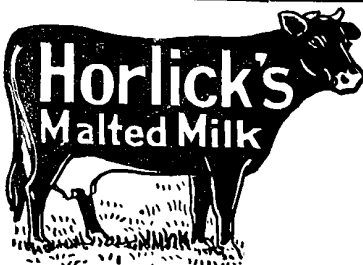
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