

the shareholders. He set the plans, and we on the spot had no more to do than to carry out to the best of our ability the outline that he had laid before us. This Home is the result, and we flatter ourselves that we have very nearly accomplished all that he set us to do. We have been open really for some two months in a tentative way, but we thought it better to grow into our stride, and only when the Home was at its full capacity to ask His Lordship to start us on our course. We look upon this as a part of Canada's contribution to the Empire's work of alleviation, and, therefore, we thought it most fitting that His Lordship, as the chief custodian of the dignity and interests of this, its chief city, should start us on our career, and that Sir George Perley, Canada's High Commissioner in the heart of the Empire, should preside. To these two gentlemen our thanks are due, and our thanks are warmly given, for their help and encouragement this day, and for the kind words they have spoken. I include, naturally, in this Mr. Sheriff Skead and the Mayor of Camberwell, who are with us, for their sympathetic support.

We have to thank also in a double sense Colonel MacLaren and the Medical Service, not only for speaking to-day, but also for the uniform assistance that we have received from them. We were quite ignorant in the early days of the requirements of such a Home, and but for Colonel MacLaren and his staff and General Jones, we should still be without a practical knowledge of many things that have proved most useful. We owe a great deal to them and cannot extend too warmly our thanks for their help.

Also we have to thank this neighborhood in general. We have been very warmly welcomed here. Our kind friends in the district have made us almost feel that we were a credit to the locality, and they have come forward with entertainments, motor trips, etc., and have been very genial indeed. They have helped the

men all round, and we owe thanks to them, because their sympathy has made things easier for us. And in remembering this I must not forget the patients themselves—I would rather not say patients—our guests. Their co-operation has meant great things to us. These grounds, to example, would not have been presentable had it not been for the Trojan way in which they buckled to and got things in shape. They have made us feel that they take a pride in their temporary home, and that is the spirit we like them to meet us with.

Many of the guests have written words of appreciation of the object of the Home and of the very successful opening, and congratulations are due to Mr. C. W. Dawkins, Mr. H. B. Robinson and Mr. W. B. Jamieson for the perfect arrangements. Mrs. E. V. Reynolds and others were also very helpful.

The catering was most satisfactorily attended to by Selfridges, one of London's most famous specialists in that line.

The guests were admirably served by young lady friends who acted as waitresses. We are indebted to Gen. Steele for the presence of the Military Band during the afternoon.

The next Bulletin, which will be issued in a few days, will contain some cuts illustrating the life at the Home and also some additions and corrections to the "Roll of Honor."

Altogether our way has been made very easy and it will be our fault if the Massey-Harris Home is not made helpful to the Services and a credit to Dulwich, to London, and to Canada.

It had been the hope of our President, Sir Lyman, to be with you to-day, or failing him, one of the Directors, but distance and business pressure have intervened. They are with us in the spirit, however, and I have a cable from them that I should read out to you:

"Please convey to the Lord Mayor and Sir George Perley the thanks of Directors. We greatly appreciate their kindness in opening our Home. We trust the function will be very successful, and especially hope that the Home may attain the ideal we have for it, namely, a place having every requisite for physical comfort and health-building, and at the same time not lacking the real home atmosphere provided by mutual consideration, sympathy and general helpfulness among all members of the family." (Cheers.)

I am sure it would gladden Sir Lyman and the Directors if they could hear your mark of appreciation.

I can only say that on behalf of the members of the Company I thank you all cordially for joining with us, especially those who have spoken so encouragingly, and can confidently add that our utmost will be done that this Home shows in the accomplishment all it shows now in the promise.