

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

By Staff-Sergt. Dive

The galleries of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, New Bond Street, London, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 20th, was the scene of a Royal acknowledgment and appreciation of the work done in very diverse directions by blind and wounded soldiers and sailors. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by our beloved Princess "Pat," declared the exhibition open, shortly after three o'clock, while the band (wounded soldiers) from Shepherd's Bush Orthopaedic Hospital played the National Anthem.

The exhibit of vital interest to us, Canadians, was that sent by the Arts and Crafts Department of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital. It comprised 61 items, which included, mechanical, saddlery, boot-making, printing, and photography, all performed in our own workshops at Chatham House. Space does not permit of a minute description of the various articles, but a glance at the accompanying pictures will give some little idea of the work carried on by our patients and soldiers returned from the front.

Our first picture, that of Her Majesty, Queen Mary, is from a photo taken by Corp. La Sauvage, of the Granville staff. After a few minutes' conversation with him, Her Majesty expressed her appreciation of his work by her willingness to pose for the picture. The second picture shows Sir George Perley, High Commissioner for Canada, at the Granville Hospital stall, which was under the charge of Staff-Sergt. Dive. Conspicuous behind Sir George is the evolution of the *Canadian Hospital News*, and various proofs of work done in the Print Shop at Chatham House.

The top picture on page 9 depicts the entrance to the galleries. In the right-hand corner are seen Lady Beaverbrook and her little daughter, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, our commanding officer. The other two pictures show a few of the many surgical contraptions made for alleviating the sufferings and the healing of our wounded heroes.

On Thursday the Exhibition was opened by the Marchioness of Salisbury, when many notable personages were present. Lady Beaverbrook was an early visitor at the Granville section, and purchased from Staff-Sergt. Dive the miniature aeroplane, the toy ambulance, and a checker-board. Several checker-boards were ordered, these have been made and forwarded to the purchasers.

G. J. Wardle, Esq., M.P., opened the proceedings on Saturday. An early visitor was our Queen-Mother Alexandra. On her tour of inspection Her Majesty evinced great interest in the various departments, especially in the Granville section, where she pur-