

Canada has sent abroad. There has been apparent lack of co-ordination and concentration in the management, or administration—let the blame lie where it may—of the Canadian Army Medical Service.

Colonel Bruce is one of Canada's most eminent surgeons, and his long association with hospital work qualifies him to speak with great authority upon hospital and surgical matters. He has not been content to speak of mere generalities, but backs up his observations and statements with tangible evidence of stated facts which cannot be controverted.

On the other hand, Surgeon-General Jones has had long association with military affairs, and has always been looked upon as an expert in all matters pertaining to the C. A. M. C. It seems to be quite clear that, like many another man in times of great trial and stress, he has had far too much administrative work for one mere man. Had this been recognized, and hospital administration placed under some one with experience and capability, in that particular line, greater efficiency and conservation of wastage might have prevailed in the service.

Whatever the cause and wherever the blame lies, and without first-hand knowledge of prevalent conditions, it is gratifying to learn that, almost without exception, our Canadian medical men are heartily commended for their work, no matter in what particular sphere they have been called upon to do it.

Everybody wants to see the Canadian soldier well taken care of, not only when abroad, but as well upon his return to Canada. The country can never forget its debt of gratitude to her brave and gallant sons, of whom far too many have already made the supreme sacrifice upon the battlefields of Europe, and it is but a feeble tribute one can pay to those of our fellow-citizens who are suffering most for humanity and civilization, for king and country.

But in one respect there is great reason for congratulation, for out of 52,000 Canadian casualties, only 450 odd have died of sickness. A record to be proud of! A triumph for the internist! Glorious for preventive medicine!

So by all means let the surgical section be perfected in every way possible. The best in Canada will not be too good for this work.

But in the face of it all, our people are more industrious, more sober-minded, more optimistic, and above and over all, more determined that that diabolical despoiler of civilization, German militarism, must be, shall be utterly confounded, and finally and completely overthrown.