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Nine thousand barrels of whisky arrived at the port of Manchester on Monday night in the steamer Glenelagh from Canada, says the Daily Mail. Small quantities of Canadian whisky

Entertained Siege Battery.

About thirty young ladies of the St. James' Church of England went to Partridge Island last night in motor boats to entertain the No. 9 Siege Battery. The ladies carried with them many good things to eat, such as cake and ice cream, as well as refreshments. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games, interspersed with a musical programme. The battery is fast filling up, six more men reported yesterday. The class of men enlisting in this unit is considered the pick of the country, and as the unit is rapidly reaching full strength, any young man desirous of enlisting had better make immediate preparations as the unit only requires a few more men.

The Bartenders' Union.

Members of the Bartenders' Union met at the Oddfellows' Hall, Union St., last night for a social time and discussed plans for future meetings this winter.

ROYAL YEAST

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hill of North Brighton, Me., are visiting Mrs. Hill's father, George March, for a few days. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Emma March, of New York.

TO CHARING CROSS VIA THE RED CROSS

A Sequel to an Incident of The French Revolution.

Whatever criticisms or complaints may be heard from time to time as other departments connected with the war, it is true to say that there is general agreement as to the very excellent way in which the R.A.M.C. have conducted their most urgent and important work. As a matter of fact, there is very little complaining at all on the part of the soldier abroad—certainly in France. Hardships and trials of all kinds are encountered and borne with splendid fortitude. This fine spirit is very largely the result of the certain feeling which the soldier has that should wounds or sickness come he is able to count on the very best of care. Directly a man in the field is stricken down he receives the most prompt and skilful and careful treatment.

How many of those who in sympathy assemble at Charing-cross and other stations to watch the arrival of the wounded from the front, realize the speed and skill with which the wounded men have been conveyed home? The organization of the Army Medical Corps, aided by the Red Cross and the many other kindred associations, is simply a marvel of devoted and scientific arrangement. In many cases little more than twenty-four hours elapse from the time a man is wounded in the front line to the time when he finds himself, cleansed and comfortable and safe, in the bed of some London hospital. Let those who contribute to the Red Cross work, or who contribute to motor ambulance funds, rest quite sure that they get full value for their money in the help and comfort they have brought to those who need help and comfort most—the men who have shed their blood at the front in defense of the line.

From the Trench in London.

The writer has seen the work of the R.A.M.C. right from the trench to the hospital. It is a very wonderful chain which links the trench with London, and every link is as nearly perfect as possible. Begin at the trench. A man is wounded on the fire step. With little delay his wound is treated with first-aid appliances, either by his nearest comrade or by the stretcher-bearers—devoted men who are ever at their posts and ready under all circumstances. The little "first-aid" packet which every soldier carries is taken from the wounded man's pocket. His clothes are cut to expose the wound, which is at once roughly dressed. If the man can walk he is brought to the trench dressing station, or if he cannot walk he is carried on a stretcher. At the dressing station the battalion doctor treats the wound, and the man is taken down from the trenches to the nearest field ambulance, where his wound is again dealt with.

If the man can be moved with safety a Red Cross motor hurries him to the nearest field hospital. If the wound is of a sufficiently serious nature to claim prolonged treatment the man is, as soon as may be, placed in an ambulance train with comfortable fittings and skilled nurses. The train is timed to meet the ambulance ship at the port of embarkation, and the wounded man is carefully carried on board, and in due course arrives at Charing Cross or whatever the station may be, and so on to one of the many hospitals now available. In many cases, as I say, the transfer from the grim trench and the sound of the guns to the comfort and peace of the home hospital is all carried out in very little more than the 24 hours of the day and the night.

So it is that thousands of men are conveyed home every week. It all represents a most wonderful and efficient and never-resting organization of devoted men and women, commencing with the stretcher-bearers in the field, and ending only with the doctors and nurses in the home hospital. Probably in the world's history no such perfect arrangements have ever been made for the care of the wounded and the sick. This, of course, refers particularly to the wounded from France and Belgium.

Happy indeed, would be the stricken on the more distant fronts could they be conveyed home with the same celerity. To the members of the R.A.M.C. of all ranks too much praise can not be given in this war. From the most highly placed doctors to the youngest stretcher-bearers they deserve the warmest thanks of the Army and the country. Be it remembered also that these men do their duty at the very front in large numbers, and many of the field ambulances are under constant fire, and the work of the R.A.M.C. is performed under circumstances of difficulty and danger little dreamt of by many people at home. The rudest kind of shelter in trench or amidst ruined walls is often all the protection the surgeon and his

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THE 165TH BATTALION WILL NOT REACH ST. JOHN BEFORE MONDAY

Advance Party Arrived Yesterday and at Once Commenced to Prepare the Armory for its New Occupants — General Military Notes.

The advance party of the 165th Battalion, consisting of fifty stalwart French-Canadians, in command of Captain Willette and Lieut. Ruet, arrived in the city yesterday, and since their arrival have been busily engaged in preparing for the coming of the main body of the battalion, which will arrive on Monday.

The men who are already in the city are the picture of health. Brought by the open air life at Valcartier they present a robust and vigorous appearance. A reporter from The Standard in making his rounds happened to drop in at the barracks shortly after their arrival, where he found the boys under Sergeant Miller busily scrubbing up the floor of their new quarters. One happy good natured soldier when asked if he thought he would like St. John, replied in no uncertain terms: "You can bet we will like it better than Valcartier."

While the fatigue party was busy house cleaning, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant LeBlanc was arranging the stores of the battalion. The party were met at the station by Major C. J. Moran and Lieut. Groves, of the N. B. command, and a citizens' committee consisting of A. O. Skinner, E. A. Schofield, John Kessle, E. L. Hildes, Captain Mulcahey, T. H. Estabrook, Commissioner Fisher, F. L. Potts and L. R. Ross. The men of the party were taken to the Soldiers' Club where refreshments were served and the officers to the Union Club.

The main body of the battalion was to arrive on Friday, but word was received at headquarters last night that they would not be leaving Valcartier until Sunday. That means they will not reach the city until some time Monday. The reason for the delay is attributed to a shortage in railway coaches. Lieutenant-Colonel Dalziel

assistants have, and very often indeed they have to tend the wounded on the open field itself.

The Red Cross Service.

Every one of the wounded men we see arriving at Charing-cross has reached home via the Red Cross Service—that is to say, that from the moment he leaves the trench till he arrives in London he has passed through the hands of a devoted and heroic band of men and women—doctors, nurses, and attendants—who have ceaselessly tended him on stretcher, on hospital bed, on motor-car, on train, and on horse and boat. The cases which cannot at once be dealt with by transfer to the home hospitals are treated in the stationary hospitals somewhat back from the line, and these establishments have been instituted and equipped with a thoroughness and up-to-date scientific arrangement which might do credit to any hospitals in the whole world. The writer recently visited two of these places in the north of France, one having for its headquarters an old chateau and the other a large school. Nothing could have been better than these, and nowhere could the comfort of the wounded be more closely studied, and nowhere could more skilful nursing be supplied. To visit one of these establishments, as Mr. Asquith did not so long ago, one might have thought that they were the result of years of thought and labor on the spot. But, on the contrary, the hospitals have just sprung into existence with the necessities of the war. Everything, literally everything, had to be done to fashion and shape unlikely places into suitable hospital accommodations. Swiftly and well has the work been done upon the skill and energy of the R.A.M.C. Everything is as perfect as work and tireless energy and skill can achieve. Wards spotlessly clean, filled with rows and rows of beds also spotlessly clean; operating rooms, with the latest appliances of science; baths and stores, kitchens and playgrounds, even, and gardens filled with flowers, where the convalescent may take the air, and gradually draw back the strength which cruel wounds have robbed them of. These mushroom hospitals behind the fighting line are indeed an everlasting source of wonder to those who see them and who take the trouble to reflect on all that has to be done quickly and in the face of many difficulties of all sorts.

And all the time the movement and change in these havens of mercy and rest go on. Hundreds of new patients arrive and hundreds leave by boat or barge or train or car either for the coast or back to the line. And as each particular patient comes he is dealt with separately and carefully—his clothes are taken and cleansed and labelled till he needs them. His rifle and his equipment are similarly dealt with, and when he is ready for transfer or discharge his belongings are ready to his hand, bright, clean and complete in every way.

Nothing that is needed for the recovery and comfort of the wounded soldier is overlooked, and—it will interest the taxpayer to learn—economy is practised where possible and consistent with efficiency. All improvements and light labor about these places are done as far as possible by convalescents who are able for it, and who indeed are glad to be of use to those of their comrades who are not so far recovered as themselves.

How the Convalescent Help.

The colonel of the R.A.M.C. at the

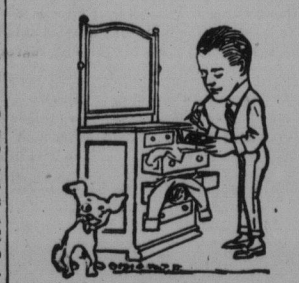
there, and the glare of the August sunshine carefully shaded from the pale faces in the beds.

Who can estimate how much has been done by the women who have crossed the seas and come to nurse the soldiers? Who can ever properly repay them? One can only say now and always "Hats off to the brave nurses in this war, and God bless them." That is at any rate how the writer of these lines felt after visiting these hospitals—situated, be it remembered, within an easy drive of the firing trenches. As we left the building a number of newly arrived wounded men were being received in the corridor. There they lay, with eyes closed, very quietly on the stretchers. One felt glad to know, and every helper of the Red Cross should feel glad to know, that these poor victims of the war will, at any rate, receive all the aid that skill and devoted care can give them in these hospitals, which are such an everlasting tribute to the R.A.M.C.

As we drove away back towards the front the bell in the old school chapel began to gently clang out the Angelus, calling the aged monks to prayer, and it seemed a very pleasant sound, and soothing and appropriate too.

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