

Soldiers' Comforts.

Every evening now sees members of the Women's Branch in our Red Cross rooms packing the boxes for the men of the Civil Service at Ottawa who are now in France.

The proceeds of the masquerade go to this popular project and a sum has also been voted for the purpose from the Emergency Fund.

Each parcel will contain an iced Christmas cake, a pound box of hard clear candy, gum, life-savers, nuts, tin of tobacco, box of cigarettes, playing cards or game, mouth organ or chain pencil, soap in soap box, talcum, tooth paste and brush, shaving stick, candles, red paper bells and some holly paper napkins. The outside of the box is decorated with maple leaves, an artistically covered magazine story and Christmas stickers, together with a greeting card. All of which is primly covered with plain wrapping paper. It is a great pity that our Red Cross rooms are not large enough to permit of all who have in any way contributed to them, seeing the boxes before they are shipped.

Watch the Date.

Keep Tuesday evening, November

27th, free for the next Red Cross social.

A SAD CASE.

A painful sensation has been caused in Toronto by the death of M. J. Allan Bartlett ("Toby,") one of the best known of the letter carriers, under peculiar circumstances. Bartlett enlisted for overseas last year after having been rejected three times. He served three months with the 70th Battery, C.F.A., and was discharged as physically unfit. Required to report for examination under the Military Service Act, it is alleged that he was kept for hours without clothing in a very cold room, awaiting his turn before the examiners. He took a chill and died from ensuing pneumonia. A coroner and military authorities are investigating.

MOVING.

The customs house, port of Ottawa, will occupy the old Grand Union hotel building, and the Department of the Secretary of State will have quarters in the new customs castle on Sussex street.

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