

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICE IS OPEN TO CRITICISM UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADS.

1. Many soldiers are arriving in England from Canada medically unfit, who should never have been enlisted.

2. The system of disposing of casualties from the front to Imperial Hospitals in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland is extremely unsatisfactory.

3. The present method of having Canadian hospitals scattered over such a large area is very objectionable.

4. There is unnecessary detention in hospitals. There has been no medical inspection by the Canadian Medical Service of Canadian soldiers in Imperial hospitals, and there has been no efficient medical inspection of Canadian hospitals, in consequence of which Canadian soldiers are retained in hospitals in Great Britain, many of whom should have been returned to duty, and others should have been returned to Canada, where they could have been more economically and efficiently treated. The lack of system permits of the aimless moving of patients from hospital to hospital.

5. The use by the Canadian Service of Voluntary Aid Hospitals is very undesirable, as they are inefficient, expensive, and unsatisfactory.

6. The administration of the group of 57 Voluntary Aid Hospitals under Shorncliffe Military Hospital by the Canadian Medical Service is unsatisfactory and expensive.

7. The present method of operating, jointly with the Red Cross, certain hospitals built and equipped by them is unsatisfactory. Such dual control is undesirable.

8. Improprity of detailing Canadian Army Medical Corps personnel to Imperial Hospitals and still retaining them on Canadian pay roll.

9. Unsatisfactory situation at Shorncliffe owing to our Canadian A.D.M.S. acting in a similar capacity over a large area for the Imperial Authorities.

10. No attempt has been made to restrict surgical operations which produce no increased military efficiency.

11. The installation of an expensive plant at Ramsgate was inadvisable, as a large number of the cases treated there should be sent to Canada for treatment.