

OFFICIAL OPENING, BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

**DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE AND SIR SAM
HUGHES VISIT HOSPITAL.**

In the presence of more than one hundred invited guests from Buxton and the surrounding district, and two hundred and fifty Canadian soldiers, all patients of the hospital, on Friday, August 11th, Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, presented the hospital to Surgeon-General Jones, Canadian Army Corps, for the use of Canadian soldiers. The hospital is a gift to the Corps from the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The occasion of the presentation and formal opening was also the occasion of the first visit to this institution by General Sir Sam Hughes. Sir Sam was present at the presentation and later accompanied Her Grace upon a tour of inspection over the institution.

As the distinguished visitors entered the great concert hall on the second floor of the building the hospital orchestra played the "Maple Leaf." The room itself was beautifully decorated with flags and banks of flowers, and the Duchess

Surgeon-General Jones, on behalf of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, accepted the hospital, which he termed a "wonderful gift." He thanked Her Grace for consenting to be present and acting as the bearer of the gift.

Before the conclusion of the graceful ceremony Major Frederick Guest, Commanding Officer of the Hospital, was called upon. Major Guest gave his assurance that he was pleased to be present and to say a few words at the conclusion of the ceremony. He could only say that the institution had that day been presented to the medical staff and he trusted that it would do all expected of it. He was sure that so far the treatments had been beneficial. On behalf of himself, the officers, the matron and the sisters he desired to extend a hearty welcome to all present.

SOME MESS.

New Arrival: "Pardon me, but is this the Sergeants' Mess?"

Old Timer: "Well, it's some mess anyway."

SURE THING.

Lady Visitor: "Do you come from Canada?"

Patient: "Yes, we all do."

Lady Visitor: "Oh, then you'd know John Smith. He's a cousin of mine, went out there five years ago."



Lieut. R. G. Young, Capt. E. T. Curran, Capt. E. J. Thurgar, Capt. J. H. Slayter,
Major V. L. Goodwill, Major Frederick Guest.

"AROUND THERE."

Imperial Officer, visiting hospital, sees a banner over a patient's bed and starts to spell slowly "S-A-S-K-A-T-C-H-E-W-A-N." "How do you pronounce that?"

The patient patiently pronounced the word and is then asked: "Where is that?"

"In Western Canada, sir," proudly replies the patient. "Saskatchewan is the greatest wheat producing country in the world; is the largest centre for distributing farm machinery and has more automobiles per population than any other place in the world."

Then he gets this one: "Is it anywhere near Saskatoon?"

In disgust: "It is around there, sir."

EXPLANATION.

On account of the number of pictures herein contained a great deal of matter of interest to the patients had to be left over for a subsequent issue. However, next week the articles mentioned will appear.

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carried a great bouquet of roses, presented by Mrs. Jones, wife of Surgeon-General Jones. In well chosen words Her Grace expressed her pleasure that Buxton, with which she and her husband's family had been so closely connected with, had been chosen by the Canadian Red Cross Society as one of the places for their hospitals. She expressed her belief that the institution had been well started upon its useful work, and she had the greatest pleasure in formally declaring the hospital open and wished it every success. The Duchess was accorded a most enthusiastic reception from the visitors and loud and hearty cheers from the soldier patients.

Following the Duchess, General Sir Sam Hughes said a few words to the "boys" and stated that in this institution he was sure they would be given every attention. He paid a marked tribute to the Canadian Red Cross Society for its generosity and work in connection with this hospital and others, and assured the Duchess of the hearty welcome that awaited her upon her return to Canada, on this occasion as the wife of the Governor-General.