

Empire Day Fete

(Contributed by Nursing-Sister Northmore)

"Empire Day" at Kingswood was celebrated on Saturday afternoon, 25th May, in a very enjoyable way by games and races of various kinds, participated in by the Sisters, as many of the Boys who were fit, and their friends. There was also a party of twelve men

the result one might expect, swinging around, and incidentally transferring a little sticky sweetness wherever it happened to touch. Many frantic efforts were made, and finally a few did succeed in capturing their Bun, creating not a little amusement, others finishing



Mrs. Lloyd Harris Presenting Prizes at Empire Day Sports.

from our neighbors at Woodhall Imperial Convalescent Hoapital, several of whom won prizes. Some of the guests present were: Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mrs. Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dawkins, Mr. H. B. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McDonald, and a number of the staff from the London office of the Massey-Harris Company.

The weather was perfect and Kingswood was truly at its best. Flowers were in profusion, making a beautiful combination in color schemes wherever the eye rested. Each one did his best to try at least for the time to banish the thoughts of war, and surely succeeded, for everyone was happy. But that, at Kingswood is not an unusual condition; it usually predominates.

The games, competitions and races were enthusiastically entered into. Perhaps one of the funniest was the "Bun-Eating Contest." Ten Buns were suspended, each having a small amount of treacle on it. Towels were placed around the neck of each contestant. An attempt was made to catch it in the teeth, with

eating theirs by holding it in their hands. The nail-hammering contest for the Sisters was apparently interesting to the lookers on. After discovering that we had been given nails which apparently had had a small portion of the end removed, to hammer into what seemed like *iron wood*, we finally succeeded in getting the nails in, incidentally bruising a few unfortunate thumbs in the meantime. The First and Second Prizes were won by Sister McMechan and Mrs. Westall. The "Boot and Shoe Race" was decidedly funny. One mad scramble to find "mates," then get them properly laced up and back to the goal. The "Sisters' Shooting Contest" appeared to be interesting to the Boys, who no doubt thought none of the Sisters would shoot at all near the tree, much less the target. Fortunately the tree was a large one, and although some shots did land "somewhere in Kingswood," *some* did come close to the mark. Sisters Whitehead and Northmore were the nearest, the prize being won by Sister Northmore, who put a shot in the centre of the "Bull's Eye," much to the surprise of the boys.