
Canadian Red Cross Society

REPORT ON INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

IN February last Lady Drummond was authorised by Colonel Hodgetts to organise the Information Department of the Canadian Red Cross. The work began on such a small scale that only two voluntary helpers were needed, and one room was amply sufficient. After the severe fighting at the end of April, however, the rush of work was so great that the urgent necessity for enlargement was realised, and since then there has been a steady increase of staff and enlargement of premises until at the present time there are nine different rooms and thirty permanent helpers, assisted by a large number of occasional workers.

It is well known that the object of the Information Department is to answer inquiries as to the whereabouts and condition of the Canadian soldiers in hospital, and to endeavour to trace through every possible channel those who are unfortunately reported missing. In pursuit of these inquiries, we are grateful for the privilege of participation in the splendid organisation of the British Red Cross Society, to which we are affiliated.

The information which we are able to supply as to the condition and progress of the men in hospital is largely acquired through the medium of a very extensive staff of authorised visitors in all parts of the United Kingdom and Northern France. To their devoted and uniring efforts the success of our scheme is greatly indebted. Many of the visitors are themselves Canadians; but we cannot over-estimate the truly Imperial spirit which prompts so many of the women of England to give so willingly of their time and energy.