

THE CLANSMAN

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A NECESSARY CHANGE

In the last issue of The Clansman we stated that publication would be suspended for one week to give us an opportunity of catching up with our back work. Instead of missing one issue we were forced to miss two. We regret this extra week's delay, but it was due to circumstances over which we have no control. We are now to make a permanent change, and in future The Clansman will appear but twice a month instead of once each week.

The change is a source of regret. Since the start of the paper in Canada nearly two years ago we have managed to publish weekly with a minimum of omissions due to moving the battalion base. Even coming across the waters we issued a miniature number.

While we are sorry for the change in publication days, we can at least assure our readers of a better service. We shall have more time for gathering the news notes and material for the columns and more time for the mechanical work, through which we will be able to add more pages as the need arises. We shall be able to give our advertisers better service and to get in closer touch with the other units of the area. These, along with other improvements, will help to make the paper appreciated more as a semi-monthly than as a weekly.

We ask for the support of all ranks in our plan—and hereafter you may expect to get the paper on the second and sixteenth days of each month.

A new name, that of Captain C. E. Miller, appears at the head of this page this week, vice Lieut. Roper, former censor. We found Mr. Roper an exceptionally congenial oo-worker, ready at all times to further the interests of the paper and to make our work pleasant. We find in Captain Miller an equally pleasant enthusiast and his practical knowledge of the newspaper game, gained in civil life, will be a decided help in his new duties. Lieut.-Col. Muirhead is taking an active interest in our welfare among the officers in general, and we are only too glad to note that the Brigadier. Col. Gunn, is always ready with a word of encouragement. With the support of these officers and the continued support of other ranks, we shall soon begin to feel that our work has not been in vain.

That was certainly a royal reception the citizens of London gave the American troops last week. Their arrival in France will not cause the same joyous feeling in the hearts of the German troops. And that just reminds us that with the arrival of the American troops comes the cartoonists' recognition of the American game. One of these Sketch Artists depicts a baseball scene in which the umpire announces "Uncle Sam batting for Russia" while consternation appears on the faces of the Kaiser and Hindenburg, the pitcher and catcher for Germany.

A move is now afoot to give medals to the troops who have been at the front since the beginning of the war, as well as distinguishing stripes for each six months of service. This is as it should be. The man who has spent months in the trenches is entitled to special recognition over the man who has been there but a few weeks. Another move is up to increase the pay of the Imperials and we believe that every member of the Colonial Forces would like to see the change made.