

the war was the founding of the Daughters of the Empire Annexes to the King George and Queen Mary Maple Leaf Club in London, England. The war had been in progress for over a year before the urgent need of club houses of this description was discovered. All the Canadian soldiers were returning to London at intervals on short leave. Some of them had friends in the English Capital, but there were many others who knew of no place to go where they could receive hospitality and a friendly greeting, or even find suitable sleeping accommodation. Numerous stories were told of the loneliness and the discomfort that these men had to endure when they were supposed to be finding rest and recreation. The Daughters of the Empire acted quickly when the demand was made upon their sympathies. Once again an appeal was sent out to all the primary chapters in the Dominion, and as a result of their generous response, the Order was able to equip and furnish two large annexes to the Maple Leaf Club.

Thanks to these Annexes, thousands of Canadian soldiers were enabled to enjoy their well-earned ten days leave from the front in comfortable and wholesome surroundings. The boys also found a touch of home in these clubs, as the majority of the workers, all of whom were entirely voluntary, were Canadian women and many Daughters of the Empire. These women had husbands and brothers at the front, and they were all anxious to do their best to make life happier for the men in khaki. One of the most popular of the visitors was Lady Patricia Ramsay—at that time still Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia of Connaught—who was present every week at the Annexes, usually at supper hour. Her Royal Highness liked to wait on the tables, with a cheery word for all, and a special greeting for any man who wore