



Reading from right to left,—Sheriff Skead, the Lord Mayor, and Mr. C. W. Dawkins, Man. European Branch.

Then with regard to the care of the wounded from the trenches until they reach the hospitals in this country, I know it is done in a most admirable way. Now, this work is done for Canada under the Canadian Army Medical Service, of which Surgeon General Jones is the head in this country, and I am sorry that he is not here to-day. He has been away, but hoped to return in time; however, he has not been able to get here. That work is supplemented by the Red Cross, and every effort has been made to make our wounded comfortable and happy. The people of Canada support the Red Cross in every way with money and time, and in this country the Service is under the control of Colonel Hodgetts, who has done it admirably. I am also happy to say that we have in this country the President of the Canadian Red Cross, Colonel Marshall, who has given up all his time to the work since the War began.

Now we need places for our Convalescents. The British soldier comes back after he is wounded; he goes through the hospital (and we send British and Canadians to the same hospitals—they mix together). Our Canadian hospitals take in any wounded soldiers, no matter whether they are Scotch, Irish, Australasian or Belgian, but such is not the case with the Convalescent Homes. When the British soldier is out of the hospital, he can go to his own home, as his friends are probably living within a comparatively short railway journey, but our men coming from Canada need to be looked after in their convalescence. They have

no homes to go to in this country, and it is for that purpose that this splendid institution has been founded by the Massey-Harris Company.

Nothing that they could have given us would be more appreciated or, I take it, more needed. You have seen for yourselves the splendid result in the choice of a building, which is in every way admirably suited for the purpose. They have sufficient and ample grounds for our boys to get the fresh air and sun, which are so necessary to bring them back to health. I speak on behalf of the Canadian Government, and I congratulate all the boys who are going to get the benefit of this institution. I consider it a fine example of patriotism. It is typical of things which are being done to alleviate suffering, which at the present time is so very necessary, and I hope it will inspire others to follow their good example.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to be the Chairman of this meeting. As I have said before, it gives me great pleasure, and I appreciate the compliment exceedingly. It is not for me to take up more of your time to-day in speaking. We are proud and happy to have the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Wakefield, here to open this Home, and with him his gracious consort, the Lady Mayoress.

I, therefore, would like to say on your behalf to the Lord Mayor that we appreciate exceedingly his courtesy and kindness in acceding to the request of the Massey-Harris people that he should open this Home, and I will now ask him to do so.

The Lord Mayor spoke as follows:

It has given my wife, Mr. Sheriff and his daughter the greatest possible pleasure to come out here to-day.

I have had, during my mayoralty, to attend many functions in connection with the War, but—I am going to say this without any mental reserve—none which have given me greater pleasure than that of to-day. I congratulate the Massey-Harris Company, their directors, shareholders and staffs on their public spirit, patriotism and munificence, in creating and undertaking to maintain, without outside help, a Convalescent Home of their own for the reception of wounded soldiers of the Dominion of Canada. As far as I know, this will be the only institution of its kind founded by a single establishment and entirely kept up by the regular contributions of its members and workers. If that be so, it is an example which, even at this period, might be taken to heart and followed by other great commercial Companies and Corporations in various parts of the Empire.

Not only do I congratulate the Company on the excellent idea of creating and supporting this Home, but I think they are exceptionally fortunate in having secured, so near the heart of London, such an ideal place in which their