


Opening of Massey-Harris Convalescent Home



By the Lord Mayor of London

Although patients had been regularly cared for for several weeks, the formal opening of the Home did not take place until Thursday, June 1st.

It was very appropriate that this ceremony should be performed by Sir Charles Wakefield, Lord Mayor of London, and that the presiding officer should be Sir George Perley, High Commissioner for Canada. And it was very fitting that it should take the form of a garden party, for the grounds of Kingswood are of singular and diversified beauty. From its terraces a glimpse is obtainable of the spires and gables of Dulwich College, and away in the distance the dome of St. Paul's, the campanile of Westminster, and the more distant heights of Highgate and Hampstead. The well-kept lawns and avenues and gardens, with the ornamental lake winding in and out of the trees, and the artistic stone-built bridge gave a picturesque setting to the large and influential gathering of invited guests.

In the midst of these lovely, park-like surroundings two large tents had

been erected, one for the opening service and the other for refreshments.

The visitors were received in the Recreation Hall by Mr. C. W. Dawkins and Mr. H. B. Robinson, Managers of the European Branch, the ladies of the Reception Committee being Mrs. E. V. Raynolds, of Toronto, Mrs. Dawkins and Mrs. Robinson.

The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Skead and Miss Skead arrived at 4 p.m., and after greetings were over the Lady Mayoress and Miss Skead were presented with bouquets.

As the Lord Mayor and party arrived on the scene, the fine band of the Canadian Cavalry Depot of 41 pieces gave spirited renderings of "O Canada" and "The Maple Leaf," and afterwards played an admirable selection of music during the afternoon.

The guests, to the number of from 300 to 400, among whom were a large number of Canadians, then adjourned to the large marquees erected on the lawn, where Sir George Perley took charge of the proceedings with the following remarks: