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## P.P.C.L.I. Comedy Co. Give Excellent Concert

**D**URING the first few days of rest at the beginning of October the battalions of the Third Brigade were entertained to a splendid series of concerts by the P.P.C.L.I. Comedy Co. in the Y.M.C.A. at W———. There is an abundance of talent in this company and the concerts were greatly appreciated. The programme was full of good clean humour and some of the numbers pleased the audience so much that they had to be repeated several times. Perhaps the most popular item was the duet, "The Bad, Bad Boy," from the "Quaker Girl," by J. W. McLaren and F. Fenwick. The latter's impersonation of the "good, good girl" was an extremely clever piece of work. McLaren, who, by the way, is well known in Canada as a newspaper cartoonist, is apparently the handy man of the company as he is never long off the stage. His burlesque skit depicting the worries of a general tickled the audience immensely. His song, "No Change," was also well received. W. J. Cunningham as Charlie Chaplin made friends with his audience from the start. His make-up is excellent and the gestures and antics of the original "Charlie" seem to come natural to him. S. Morrison and T. J. Lilly also put themselves on good terms with the audience and the singing of P. D. Ham rounded off a splendid bill. The whole performance reflects great credit to the artistes and it is seldom, if at all, that such a

talented company has been brought together in the Canadian Corps. Their efforts are worthy of every encouragement.

## An Appreciation of The Soldiers' Institute

**W**HEN the Soldiers' Institute opened free coffee stalls near the reserve lines for the benefit of weary men coming from the trenches they did something of which many have expressed their hearty appreciation. They have set an example which similar organizations might well follow. Too much cannot be done for the welfare and comfort of the men who take their place in the front line trenches and the Soldiers' Institute deserve great praise for the work they are doing. The Institute was organized by the chaplains of the Canadian Corps under the direction of Lt.-Col. Almond, C.M.G., and Captain A. H. McGreer. Several dry canteens and a cinema are operated by the Institute, the profits going entirely for the Canadian troops. Athletic outfits have been supplied to various units and free writing and reading materials can be obtained at the canteens. Latterly it was decided to open free coffee stalls as near to the firing line as possible, where tea, coffee, biscuits and cigarettes were given to men coming from the trenches at any hour of the day or night. With the winter months ahead such organizations as the Soldiers' Institute could not cater to the comfort of the soldiers in a better way than by utilizing a good portion of their profits in the same manner. The Canadian Corps is fortunate in having enterprising men at the head of the Soldiers' Institute and we believe their efforts are appreciated.



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Capt. Fingland, Y.M.C.A. officer of the Third Brigade, has recovered from his recent illness and expects to return to duty soon. Capt. Sharpe is in charge during Capt. Fingland's absence.