



## Royal Visitors at "Kingswood"

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught  
Visited the Home during January.

(Photos by International Press.)

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, attended by Major Drake, A.D.C., and Miss Yorke, paid an informal visit to Kingswood, on the afternoon of the 15th January. On their arrival, they were received by the Matron Miss Hardinge, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mrs. Dawkins, Miss Shuttleworth, Mr. C. W. Dawkins, and Mr. W. B. Jamieson, who assisted in showing the visitors over the Home.

Their Royal Highnesses first visited the large Recreation Hall and the Palm House, in both of which there were numbers of the patients engaged in their usual pastimes of reading, writing, playing whist, chess, draughts, dominoes, etc., but the men all quickly sprang to attention when the Duke, in his uniform of Field Marshal, appeared. The Duke and Duchess talked affably with many of the men, enquiring sympathetically regarding their wounds, and their homes, and saying a few cheering words of encouragement to each. Among others, they were both specially interested in talking to Sergeant G. Aldridge, who is one of the few survivors of the original Princess Pat's 1st Battalion. They then visited the principal Wards, the Dining Room and Billiard Room, all of which were minutely inspected.

The Assistant Matron Miss Powell handed a handsome bouquet of roses to the Duchess, and she and the Sisters, Misses McMechan, Wilson, Oram and Hamilton and Mrs. Lucas

and Mrs. Westall were presented to Their Royal Highnesses.

As the visitors left, the men were all assembled in the Recreation Hall, and at the call of Staff-Sergeant Foley, they gave three hearty cheers and "the tiger," to which the Duke responded by a few well-chosen words of thanks and encouragement.

Their Royal Highnesses seemed genuinely surprised and pleased with the very handsome and comfortable appearance of the recreation and dining rooms and wards, and with all the arrangements made for the speedy recovery and general welfare of the men. They expressed themselves in the most flattering terms as being sincerely pleased and satisfied with all they saw.

Since the above report was received, the Empire has been saddened by the news of the death of the Duchess of Connaught, which took place in England on Mar. 14th.

During the Duke of Connaught's term of five years as Governor-General of Canada, the Duchess became well-known to Canadians. As strength would permit, she labored patiently, sympathetically and lovingly in many philanthropic and patriotic objects that will long feel the influence of her kindly practical assistance and helpful influence.

She made for herself an honored place in the hearts of the Canadian people.