

Lt.-Col. Gorrell, recently gazetted to the command of the Canadian Base Hospital, established on the Thames side at Cliveden, the estate of William Waldorf Astor, near Taplow, went down a short time ago, accompanied by Col. Hodgetts, Canadian Red Cross Commissioner, to make the final arrangements. The hospital was opened about the middle of February with 125 beds and a staff of 80 men, and also a number of nurses from a party now voyaging from Canada. Mr. Astor has been very generous, having spent \$15,000 or more on the place, the accommodation of which may be ultimately extended to 1,000 beds.

There has been a severe epidemic of smallpox in Vienna. Many of the soldiers are ill with the disease.

News came recently by a cablegram that Dr. H. S. Beland, M.P. for Beauce, is unable to leave Belgium, the German authorities refusing him passports.

A severe epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in Poland, and many villages around Lodz are suffering from the ravages of the disease. American Red Cross doctors are doing what they can to arrest the disease, but it is a very uphill fight under present conditions.

The American Hospital, in the north of France, is rendering very valuable services. Its work is being carried on in a new schoolhouse.

The Duchess of Connaught's Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Astor's beautiful Thames valley home of Cliveden, was ready on the 15th of February, and is to have 500 beds. At first it was to have 110 beds, but this would not be adequate for the needs of the Canadian troops, and so additional accommodation had to be furnished, costing \$10,000. Dr. C. A. Hodgetts was active in raising the funds. The hospital is under the control of Lieut.-Col. Gorrell, and all the doctors and nurses are Canadians. Seven motor ambulances and a motor kitchen are among the Canadian Red Cross equipment now at Cliveden.

A new model travelling hospital left Paris on 14th February, with the purpose of attending serious cases at the front. The expedition consists of six automobile vans, one of which is an operating theatre. One car is fitted with a heater for the sterilization of bandages and instruments. There are four cars for the personnel—five surgeons, two general practitioners, and 40 trained hospital attendants. The hospital will be established within the next fortnight at a point about ten miles from the trenches. If the experiment is successful the authorities intend to establish six similar hospitals, each in charge of a prominent surgeon.