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## EDITORIAL

It is one of the characteristics of the Briton, whether native born or born and bred in one of the overseas Dominions, that he is naturally disinclined to trumpet his successes, or to claim the credit that many of his truly wonderful achievements deserve. This natural dislike to self-advertisement, like all virtues, may be overdone, and has its disadvantages. The great public of the world at large can only judge of what it sees, or what it hears. No doubt the great Epic of the British Medical Service will be written: great upheavals of the social life, not alone of a nation, but of the world itself, cannot but bring to the surface genius that has, and would have, laid dormant. Indeed, the signs are not wanting that already literary lights are dimly burning that give promise of a greater brilliance. Till then, we can only possess our souls in patience, and await the full story of the extraordinary adaptability of our race, that in a few weeks put into the field an organization unparalleled in the history of the world for efficiency and equipment; that impelled so many thousands of our profession to enlist as seriously threaten the social and industrial welfare of the nation, and that almost stripped our overseas Universities and cities of their doctors. But till then, the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, wives and sweethearts, have a right to know something of what is being done for their loved ones. It is a glorious story, full of the romance of life and death, of deeds as full of daring do as any in our history; of Chivalry and bravery that raise a lump in the throat, and that have won the recognition of well merited honors. It will be our privilege in our succeeding issues to give a brief review of the work of some of our hospital Units, not the least important of these being those devoted to the reclaiming, in our various Convalescent and Special hospitals, of those who but for such foresight, would have become a burden to themselves, and a charge to the nation, and in a surprisingly large number, a means of

returning to the front experienced and trained fighters.

### TO OUR SISTER UNITS.

Sister Hospitals have, as far as we know, been placed on the mailing list; in the event of any inadvertant omissions, the committee of publication will be glad to rectify on their attention being drawn to it. We should appreciate the courtesy of an exchange.—ED.

## The Hospitals

### CHATHAM ANNEX

Quite a number of men are now employed in the various departments of the Handycrafts Section. The carpenters have been busy and are making quite a creditable job of the training gangway for teaching those with artificial limbs to use them with confidence—besides a lot of work in the hospitals themselves and the making of splints, etc.

The machine section, with its drills, planes, lathes and shapers, is quite busy, and under the direction a skilled machanic, has undertaken the complete repair of a motor ambulance, besides making the metal splints for the orthopædic section, food heaters, operating table fittings etc.

In the gymnasium section, 95 men are under the special movement section, and 28 in the Swedish drills.

### TOWNLEY CASTLE

Under the energetic guidance of Capt. Hill, this new annex is rapidly assuming the appearance of a modern hospital. Not the least pleasing being the admirable choice of tints for the wards—Cove Reseda greens and pure whites—at once restful and cleanly.

The landscape gardeners are busy and it will not be long before the grounds of annexes will show the evidence of the loving care bestow upon them.

### SISTER HOSPITALS

Congratulations are to be extended to Q.M.S. J. B. Mackay, Can. Convalescent Hospital, Monks Horton, on receiving his commission as Lieutenant and Quartermaster.

Major Irving, D.S.O., late O.C., C.A. M.C., Training School, has been placed in command, of the Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Epsom

## Home News.

TORONTO—Ontario is likely to adopt war-time prohibition.

OTTAWA—Comprehensive plans for the beautification, development, and re-planning of the Canadian Capitol, were presented to Parliament to-day. The Finance Minister laid on the table of the House the report of the Federal Town Planning Commission, which was appointed in June of 1913, under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Holt, to draw up a plan for the beautification of Ottawa and Hull, the location and architectural character of the public buildings, park systems, traffic and transportation arrangement, etc. The commissioners after two years of careful and expert investigation, have made elaborate recommendations for a Federal district, and a Federal Capitol, rivaling in beauty, convenience, and impressiveness, what has been done at Washington, or at any other of the Capitol cities of the world. The commission strongly recommended that nothing of the elaborate nature suggested should be attempted without first establishing a Federal district and securing for the Federal authorities adequate control of local Government, as has been done at Washington. The proposed Federal district should extend from Chats Falls, at the head of Lake Deschenes, some thirty miles west of Ottawa, to about four miles east of the present city limits, and about ten miles north and south from Parliament Hill.

FREDERICTON—The total enlistments up to March include 8,000 single and 3,000 married men. It is estimated that there are 10,000 single men between 20 and 40 available for enlistment.

MEDICINE HAT—Edmund B. Smith, a Winnipeg farmer, is one of the latest recruits to join the 175th Regiment. He is 40 and the father of 13 children. His three grown-up sons are in the Canadian Army, one of them in the same unit as his father.

WINNIPEG—All bars have been placed out of bounds for the troops stationed in this district.

HALIFAX—Three thousand recruits have been enrolled in the Province in three weeks.



**The Passing Hour**

Prohibition in the Enemy's Camp—  
There are reported to be five 'Wells' in  
a local brewery and two 'Brooks' in a  
Ramsgate distillery.

Tom: I don't know whether she sings  
or not.  
Jack: She doesn't. I've heard her.

Two soldiers, who had served to-  
gether as recruits at their depot, met  
after several years, when their respect-  
ive battalions happened to be quartered  
close together on service.

First T.A.: "Ello, Bill; what yer  
on?"

Second T.A.: "Me? Oh, I'm officers'  
pioneer."

First T.A.: "Garn! You always was  
a blighter for staff jobs!"

The "Wilson Tango" is unpopular in  
the States. The new dance has been  
rejected by the Society of Dancers of  
the U.S. It is described as one step  
forward, two back, side-step and retire.

**A QUERY**

It is easy to sit in an easy chair,  
At the close of an easy day,  
And read of the battles fought and won,  
By your pals who have gone away.  
It is easy to say, well, I am surely  
proud,  
Of our men and the things they do,  
But answer this; Have you done your  
bit?  
To make them proud of you.

The American Druggist says that if  
every family would keep a box of  
mustard in the house, one-half of the  
doctors would starve to death. What  
is the matter with everyone keeping  
two boxes?

Girls who aspire to be 'bus conductor-  
ettes have to pass an examination in  
arithmetic. Those on duty certainly  
appear quite all right as regards their  
figures

The extent to which one of our cor-  
respondents in the trenches is fed up  
with bully beef, may be gauged from  
this cry of anguish: "How gladly  
would we exchange these boeuf-rites  
for a simple mess of pottage."

"She wears too much jewellery."  
"Think so?"

"I do. No fun to hold a hand like  
that. You can get the same sensation  
by holding a handful of curtain rings  
and a wrist watch,

**PRETTY SISTER.**

This Lent she shuns the gay repast.  
She's settled down and steady;  
Her friends all marvel she should fast,  
Who's fast enough already.

**Contributions and Acknowledgments**

**AN ISSUE OF RUM.**

The wagon lines of the — Battery  
were aglow with excitement. The  
gunners stopped even their pretense at  
work, whilst the drivers, with their  
dandy brushes (those who were lucky  
enough to have one) under their arms,  
turned themselves about between the  
horses and discussed the rumour. It was  
the A.S.C. ration wagon just come in,  
and the fatigue party had staggered by  
with boxes of jam (a tin between two,  
someone had whispered).

Tins of butter!—BUTTER! We stared  
at each other in surprise. There was to  
be an issue of tobacco also. Then the  
Q.M.-Sergt. himself with an expectant,  
thirsty escort, appeared carrying a jar  
of rum.

Rum! a whole gallon jar had fought  
and struggled up from the Base, burst-  
ing its way through the thirsty ranks of  
the A.S.C.

Its cork had been pierced by a dozen  
or so of corks-screws; its once ardent  
spirit had been cooled with the contents  
of many water-bottles. But weak and  
diluted as it was it had arrived, only to  
fall into the hands of its common enemy  
—the Sergeants.

We waived our hands to it as it  
passed and said: "Goodbye rum, Ser-  
geants got yer."

Anyhow, the rations were securely  
put into the stable (used for the Q.M.  
stores) likewise the gallon of rum which  
was doubly securely put in. Then the  
excitement died away until after sup-  
per, when the Q.M.S. yelled out in a  
stentorous voice "Fall in fer yer rum!"  
Needless to say, as on pay parade, he  
did not have to yell twice. We all  
made a dash to be first in the line,  
because we knew from previous experi-  
ences that the more he issued the more  
diluted it would be. We lined up out-  
side the Quarter-Master's stores, sniff-  
ing appreciatively at the perfume-  
laden breath of the Sergeants, as they  
stood guarding the jar. Teetotallers  
organized impromptu auction sales.  
"Who wants to buy my rum ration?  
"Who'll give me a package of cigar-  
ettes? Five cigarettes for my issue;  
who says two? Who'll give me twopence  
for it?"

For twopence it would change hands,  
and the buyer would keep a tight hold  
of the seller's sleeve, to make sure  
he didn't slip away before drawing his  
ration.

While we waited in line, we sang;—  
If ther Sergints pinch yer Rum,  
Never mind.

If ther Sergints drink yer Rum,  
Never mind.

Th'er entitled to'er tot,  
But they drink ther bally lot,  
If ther Sergints drink yer Rum,  
Never mind.

The rum, when it was issued, had  
been liberally watered—you bet on the  
Sergeants for that—and each man got  
the lid of a two-ounce tobacco tin half-  
filled. I might add there was no  
arrests that night for drunkenness.

But it put a night-cap on an event-  
ful day.

"40506" C.F.A.

This extraordinarily beautiful and  
appealing poem, which appeared anon-  
ymously in a recent issue of Punch,  
was written by Dr. John McCrae, of  
the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal,  
Canada. He is now serving with No. 3  
Canadian General Hospital, as Lt.-Col.,  
in charge of medicine,

It was while serving as Medical  
Officer with the 3rd. Brigade, that he  
received the inspiration which resulted  
in this poem :—

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prietors of Punch)  
IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky,  
The larks still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

**Sports and Entertainments**

**FOOTBALL**

The Maple Leaf of the Granville suf-  
fered their first reverse on the 10th inst.  
at the hands of the Naval boys. Great  
credit is due our light duty men, who  
in spite of five casualties on the field,  
were able to keep the score to the small  
margin of 2—1. The following is the  
record of the Granville Teams:—

Ply'd	Won	Dn.	Lost
10	7	2	1

**MAPLE LEAFS V 8TH LIVERPOOL IRISH.**

Quite a few spectators witnessed last  
Saturday's match between the above  
teams and many were of the opinion  
that the Canadians will have to hustle  
some, if they are to hold the  
future with opposing teams who seem  
to be improving every-time. Most of  
the Canucks showed decided slackness,  
while the Liverpools played a fast and  
clean game. The result was two goals  
each. Had it not been for Sergeant  
Towler, we doubt very much whether  
the "Maple Leafs" would have scored  
at all. G. McCrae and Willis revived  
somewhat after half-time, yet they



lacked the usual dash. For the Liverpools, Morris, Swabrick and Septon were best, and are to be complimented on their smartness and scoring. The game was played at Chatham House grounds.

Football boots have been presented to the football team by an anonymous donor. Thanks.

The Football Team journeyed to Ramsgate on Wednesday and engaged their old opponents the R.A.M.C. in a very enjoyable game. The R.A.M.C. started out with a dash and it looked as if "Our Boys" would have to go some to save themselves from defeat. The heavy condition of the ground and the combination of the Maple Leafs told their tale and it was not long before they were around their opponents' goal. Half-time came with the Canadians leading by 2-0. A few showers of rain together with a little hail added spice and variety to the game. The second half saw the Maple Leaf to the fore and going strongly which resulted in their running out winners by four goals to nil and greatly encouraged for the big game on Saturday.

After the game the visitors were entertained at a sumptuous repast at which there were the usual exchange of compliments.

**HOCKEY**

We are pleased to note another success of the Granville Hockey Team, who continue to uphold Canadian prestige in face of the ravages of "Boards" which persistently upset the combination. This success was scored against the Herne Bay Team, Granville winning 3-1. The hero of the evening was Pte. Fallis who located the net in each instance. Next fixture is a match at the County Rink on Saturday with the Munition Workers.

**BASEBALL**

Apparently our baseball twirler have already caught the public eye, for it is locally reported that the Canadians have queer notions of ye ancient gyme of cricket. All those with a knowledge of 'ball' are asked to come forward. Doubtless the season will be a busy one, on account of the number of clubs being formed in the County. To date, the "boys" have confined themselves to "work-outs," in anticipation of an early clash with Chatham Annex, which will probably afford some excitement. Within a few weeks we are confident that our Baseball Team will be on a firm basis and ready to meet all comers.

**BILLIARDS**

A Billiard Match between Officers and patients, resulted in a win for the former. All seven games were evenly contested and caused lively interest among the large number of onlookers.

**ENTERTAINMENTS**

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Haverley, we have been well cared for in the line of entertainments. As usual the programme has been varied, consisting of revues, movies, London and Local Concert Parties. The Revue, "Money for Nothing," surely found an appreciative audience, though the same may be said in the case of all other visitors.

We understand that the Granville Orchestra will perform at the Hospital on April 20, and that on the 24th (the anniversary of Ypres) they are slated for another performance elsewhere. Also we are told that the musical director's ambitions are not yet satisfied, for he is anxious to increase the number of artistes. It is hoped that all instrumentalists, whether in possession or not of the instruments, will avail themselves of this opportunity to assist.

**Coming Events**

Friday 21st—The Granville Orchestral and Minstrel Combination will give the first Concert in our own Theatre at 7.50 p.m.

Saturday 22nd—The London Concert Party,

Canada's war expenditure for the fiscal year reached a daily total of 1,000,000 dollars. The increase in the National Debt is 147,000,000 dollars. The total revenue for the year is 171,248,665 dollars an increase over the previous year of 39,550,000 dollars.

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His Girl: How was that?

Hero: They chased after me.

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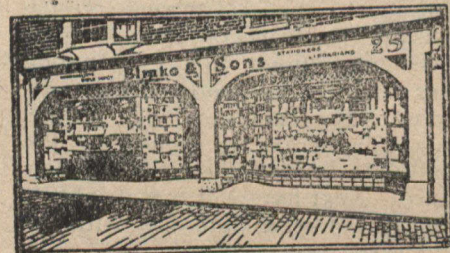
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