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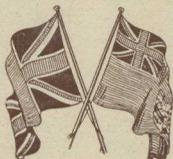
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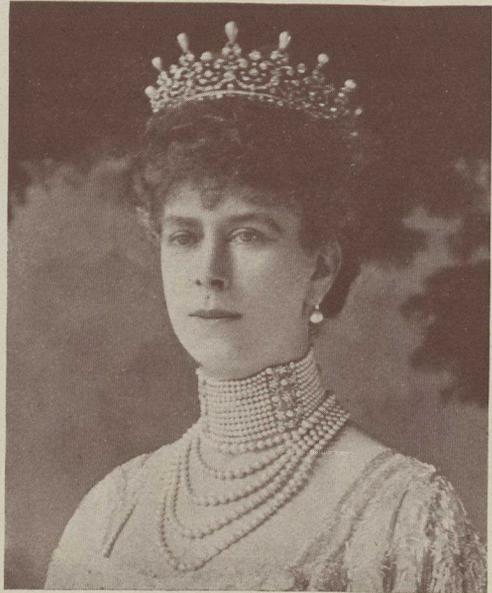
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The King and Queen Visit "Kingswood"

Contributed by Private A. B. Hobbs, 44th Battalion

"The King and Queen are coming to-day to Kingswood!"

That was the stirring announcement that set everyone on the "qui vive" last Thursday, 8th February. It was the only topic of conversation.

"Fancy Their Majesties coming to see us," exclaimed one of the boys, "when any number of people would give a fortune for the privilege of calling on them!"

If anything could deepen the respect in which everyone holds our Sovereign and his Consort, the simple, hearty and straightforward manner of their visit would have done so.

Attended only by Sir Charles Cust, the King's Equerry, and Lady Airlie, Lady-in-waiting to the Queen, they arrived at "Kingswood" promptly at 3 o'clock. Received by The Matron Miss Hardinge, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. C. W. Dawkins and Mr. W. B. Jamieson, Their Majesties at once began a thorough inspection of our beautiful home. As they passed through the Recreation Room, all the patients naturally stood at attention. "Sit down, boys," urged the King heartily, "Go on with your games."

In Ward 1, a couple of bed-patients had the honour of an interesting chat with the King and Queen. How closely His Majesty

keeps in touch with present-day conditions at the Front, appears from his jovial comment, "Our barrage keeps Fritz guessing!" The Queen showed particular interest in watching a patient with a disabled shoulder receive massage treatment.

The Palm Room and Terrace, Billiard, Dining and other rooms were all inspected, Their Majesties expressing keen appreciation of the magnificent accommodation provided by the Home. The Surgery and Wards upstairs were next visited. The Apostles' Room (Ward 2), and the rare old fireplaces from French Chateaux in the different Rooms were particularly noted.

Lady Airlie instantly recognized the Cullo-den Room as a replica of Queen Mary's famous apartment at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh. Their Majesties also noted with interest the panel in this room marking the spot where stood, during Mr. Lawson Johnston's occupancy of Kingswood, the bedstead used by Prince Charles Edward for three nights previous to the fateful battle of Culloden, a piece of furniture which cost Mr. Johnston £750.

From the windows of Ward 4 the Royal party obtained a good view of a merry group of patients skating on the artificial lake. On the front lawn, too, the King was shown the

fine old marble fountain brought from the Royal Palace of St. Cloud, France.

The King then expressing a desire to see the Linen Room, that important adjunct was also included in the itinerary.

On their way through the various rooms, both the King and Queen talked in a most friendly manner with many of the patients, inquiring sympathetically as to their homes in Canada, their wounds, their progress, and wishing them an early and complete recovery. Their Majesties also conversed with the Nursing Sisters in turn, as they passed through the wards, the King remarking that he had himself had a Canadian nurse after his accident in France last year.

Before leaving Kingswood, Their Majesties readily agreed to sign the pictures of themselves which adorn the Recreation Room; they also wrote their names in the Visitors' Book.

The inspection completed, the King addressed the Staff and Patients assembled in the Recreation Room as follows: "The Queen and myself are delighted to be here to see you all this afternoon, and to find how comfortable and well cared for you are. We wish you a very speedy recovery." The Queen added: "It is one of the finest Homes we have seen."

The Three Cheers and "Tiger," led by Staff Sergeant Foley, could have left no room for doubt that everyone appreciated the signal honour conferred upon Kingswood by Their Majesties' visit.

Report of the Resident Secretary

For January, 1917.

All through the month our accommodation for 110 men has been fully occupied. The Canadians not having been engaged in any serious fighting since October, there have been very few wounded coming from the front, but the "acute" hospitals in England have been discharging the men who were most seriously wounded then, and in previous fighting.

These men have at last reached the convalescent stage, but many still have dressings requiring careful attention for a few weeks longer, and most of them require massage to break undesirable "adhesions," or to restore free action and strength to muscles which have been torn by the passage of bullets or pieces of shell, and although healed, have greatly and some cases even, quite lost their power. In both these cases, the careful surgical attention and dressings they receive, the efficient massage, and fresh air and good wholesome food, all provided amid cheerful and home-like surroundings, soon work wonders in the patients' condition.

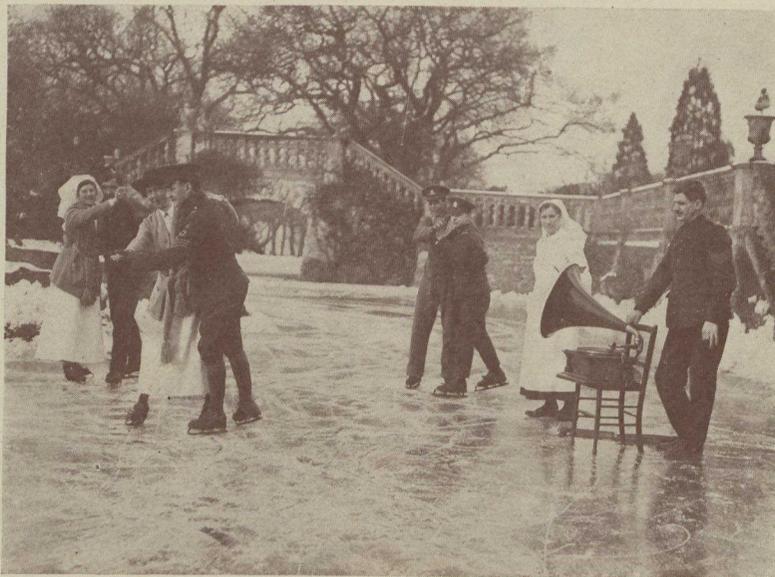
We continue to receive quite a large number of men suffering from the after-effects of diseases due to exposure in the trenches and camps to cold and wet, such as, "Trench Feet," Rheumatics, Chest complaints, etc. Careful medical and nursing attention, suitable medicines and tonics are usually successful in bringing about an improvement in these troublesome cases.

During January a number of our patients were sent direct to the trans-Atlantic steamer for return to Canada. These were men who have been so seriously wounded, or so weakened by disease, as to be quite unfit for further

service, and who have now been returned to Canada either for final discharge, or to complete their convalescence there whilst being equipped with artificial limbs or trained to new trades. The men were all overjoyed to return home, and their discharge from this and other Homes and Hospitals, renders available more accommodation in Great Britain and France, for patients who are likely to recover and be able to return soon to active service. For these different reasons the unfit men are better to be sent home to Canada.

There has been a great and continued increase in prices of food and most other articles, for various and well-known reasons, such as: Compulsory Military Service withdrawing men from agriculture and manufacturing in this country, the millions of men and women employed in munition factory, and thus unavailable for industry, the general shortage in shipping transport due in part to the German Submarine Campaign, but chiefly to the enormous tonnage required for the transport of food, munitions, coal, troops, etc., for our own Army and Navy, as well as for our Allies. The prices of some articles have increased so much as to be prohibitive, other articles cannot now be obtained at any price, while on an average, most articles we require for the Home, cost now about double the pre-war prices. Prices are still advancing, and we may soon have fixed rations and food tickets for all in this country. The most rigid economy is practised in every department, with a view to arriving at the least possible expense consistent with the patients' welfare and comfort.

The weather has been very raw and cold during the month, exceptionally cold for



WINTER SPORT AT KINGSWOOD.

England, so that our patients have not been able to get out much for an airing in the grounds.

In these conditions, our large, airy, well-heated Recreation Hall, and the Palm House, provide ample room for the men to spend the long dark evenings, and bad days, in comfortable surroundings, reading, writing, playing various games, listening to songs, orchestral selections, etc., on the gramophone, or to some of their number playing the piano, or to a large group of them gathered around it singing together and singing well, some of the old favourite songs. The Billiard Room, too, is ever popular, and tournaments are organized regularly, in which the men take great interest.

When the weather was fine enough, our motor car has taken out small parties of the men for a run round the interesting parts of London, the most popular trip including Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Government Offices, Horse Guards, the Park and Buckingham Palace with the ceremony of the changing of the Guard.

Concerts were arranged for, weekly, in our Recreation Hall, and parties of the men were also invited out from time to time to other entertainments, of which the principal have been as follows:

New Year's Day is very little celebrated in England, except that in London the day is ushered in, as twelve o'clock strikes, by the

ringing of the many church bells, by the blowing of hundreds of steam syrens on the steamers lying in the Thames and in the Docks, and at factories all over the Metropolis, and by fervid London-Scots meeting at the same hour around St. Paul's Cathedral to wish each other a "Guid New Year" and pass around their pocket flasks of "mountain dew." But in war time these customs are discontinued, the young Scots are "somewhere in France," and the Anti-Zeppelin precautions forbid the ringing of bells or blowing of syrens after dark.

To mark the day at Kingswood, our men had an extra good dinner with a "second edition" of the Christmas plum pudding, and in the evening there was a service of fruit, nuts, cigarettes, etc., in the Recreation Hall.

Ten of our men attended a most enjoyable New Year's evening party and supper at the Lambeth District Convalescent Home for Imperial soldiers, situated close to Kingswood. We are on very cordial terms with our neighbours at that Home our men exchanging visits and fraternising on the most friendly terms with the "Tommies" there. The Staffs of the two Homes also exchange visits, and endeavour in many ways to be mutually helpful.

On the afternoon of 2nd January, 20 of our men attended one of the well-known and highly reputed Concerts and Teas given fortnightly at the Savoy Hotel, London, by a party of ladies of whom our good friend and neighbour Mrs. Corbett is one, to 300 convalescent

soldiers each time. This is now the twelfth time Mrs. Corbett has kindly invited a party of 20 of our men to these concerts and teas.

On the same afternoon, 12 of our men went to a performance at the Empire Variety Theatre, followed by Tea at a well-known London restaurant, as the guests of Sister McMechan. It was a most enjoyable outing for all.

Very many of the men have not been to a theatre for years, and few of them have ever visited a theatre in England, so that a visit to one of London's famous Play-houses is an exceptionally great treat.

On the 4th January, we had a very bright and enjoyable evening concert in our Recreation Hall, by a party of local young ladies in Pierrot Costumes, kindly arranged by our near neighbor Mrs. Jenkins and the talented members of her family.

On 6th January, 15 men were invited to a most enjoyable afternoon party, tea and concert by a neighbour, Mrs. Ayre Smith, and our good friend Mr. Cadle also helped to entertain the men.

The same afternoon, 10 men were very hospitably entertained to Tea, games, music, etc., at a neighbour's house, through the kind invitation of the Matron of Lambeth District Convalescent Home.

On the afternoon of 7th January, 44 men were most generously entertained to Tea, and a Concert at the Eccentric Club, one of the famous West-end London Clubs. The party was conveyed there and back by motor-cars kindly provided by members of the London Volunteer Rifles, whose Secretary, Mr. A. J. Wilson, very kindly helped also in arranging for the entertainment at the Club.

On 8th January, 30 men, the Matron, and one of the sisters were invited to Tea, games, music, etc., at the house of our neighbours, the Misses Champion. This is now the fourth time that they have kindly entertained large parties of our men.

On the afternoon of 9th January, the Matron invited 5 of the men, all disabled, to accompany her to see one of the Christmas Pantomines for which the English theatres are renowned, at the Opera House, the largest and most up-to-date of the London theatres. The outing was greatly enjoyed and highly appreciated by the men.

On 11th January, "The Merry Thoughts" party organized by Mrs. Spirett, gave a very enjoyable evening Concert in our Recreation Hall, this being the second time they have kindly given us an entertainment this winter.

On the evening of 15th January, we had a very successful Whist Drive in our Recreation Hall, arranged by the Matron, Sisters and Staff-

Sergeant. Several young ladies in the neighbourhood assisted, and also helped to entertain the men by songs and recitations at intervals. Over 70 took part in the games, useful prizes presented by some of our London friends, and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

On the afternoon of 16th January, 20 men attended another of the famous fortnightly Concerts and Teas at the Savoy Hotel, London, again by kind invitation of Mrs. Corbett.

On the evening of the 18th January, we had a Concert in our Recreation Hall, arranged by a party of ladies in the neighbourhood.

On 25th January, we had a very enjoyable evening Concert in our Recreation Hall, arranged by Miss Dorothea Douglas and her party of eight young ladies. This is the third Concert Miss Douglas and her party have given us this winter.

Like most of the Concert parties that visit Kingswood, these young ladies are mostly employed in offices and shops in the City during the day, and spend their spare time in the



Crayon Drawing by Corp. Linfoot, one of the orderlies at Kingswood. The Original Drawing hangs in the orderlies' room

evenings in rehearsing and giving entertainments at the many military hospitals all over London and the surrounding district—usually one and sometimes two and three concerts weekly, all travelling and other expenses being paid by themselves. In this and many other ways, the women of England are trying to brighten the dull, hard lives of the soldiers.

On the afternoon of the 27th January, 12 men attended a Concert and Tea at one of the local Church Halls, by invitation of the local Committee of British Red Cross lady workers.

On the afternoon of 29th January, 12 men went to a performance of the Christmas Pantomime at Drury Lane Theatre, followed by Tea at a well-known London restaurant. The outing was arranged by the Assistant Matron Miss Powell, with funds generously provided by Mr. John D. Patterson, of Woodstock, Ont. The Christmas Pantomimes at Drury Lane, with their mirth-provoking comedians, their gorgeous scenery, their magnificent ballets, and their wonderful stage effects, are famous the world over. Needless to say, the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed, and it will be an event for the men to think and talk about for a long time to come.

On 29th, 30th and 31st January, the weather out-of-doors being very wintry, a Billiard Tournament was arranged to help the men to pass the time. There was a large number of entries, and great interest was shown by the crowd of on-lookers as the games were played off. Handsome prizes were provided by Mr. M. J. Earley and other friends, the winners being 1st, Lance Corporal Rayner; 2nd, Private Crisp; 3rd, Lance Corporal Terry.

Several small parties of the men were invited out to Tea and spend the afternoon or evening in the homes of some of our neighbours, who continue to take a very kindly and sympathetic interest in our men.

One of the most devoted friends of Kingswood is our near neighbour Mr. Charles Bingham, who often takes three or four of our men out to a Picture Show on an evening, or for a run in his motor-car on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday. These outings and his thoughtful kindness for our boys, are all very highly appreciated.

One of the Kingswood patients writes as follows:—

“I was unfortunate to get wounded in the Somme, and came here with my arm paralyzed. With the treatment here my arm is almost better and I was never in better health.

“Being a Toronto man I am proud to think a Toronto firm is doing so much.

“I wish the Company, the Shareholders and the employees great prosperity in the coming years.

PERSONALS

Under this heading we are desirous of recording any personal items concerning the “Roll of Honor” men of Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., Verity Plow Co. and Bain Wagon Co., that may be of interest to our readers. In order to do this well, we will require the active assistance of all our friends in getting together the necessary information. If every one who receives the Bulletins will take the little trouble that may be required in sending in such items, we can make this column very interesting and informative. Address all communications to Editor Bulletin, c/o Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Up to Dec. 12th, 1916, 1,037 patients had been entered at Kingswood.

Pte. Willson (London, Eng., Office), is in the Canadian Hospital at Salonika.

David Howlett (New Zealand Staff), has been mentioned in General Orders and awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

Raymond Whitaker (Ontario Branch), was lately a convalescent at Kingswood, and is likely to return to the front.

Second Lieut. C. K. Coppin (London., Eng. Office), has been given a commission in the Intelligence Department, where he will act as interpreter.

Corp. Hatch (London, Eng., Office), who received a shrapnel wound in the head, happily not serious, is convalescing and will probably be ready for the front again.

Capt. (Dr.) Norman S. Shenstone, who has been engaged in the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, Kent, Eng., for nearly a year, has been given leave of absence, and expects to come to Toronto.

Mr. Herbert Godfrey, son of the famous Dan Godfrey, who was for 43 years Bandmaster of the Royal Horse Guards (Blues) gave a cornet solo at a Kingswood entertainment lately.

Lieut. Irving Findley (son of Mr. Thos. Findley, Vice-Pres. of Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.) who was invalidated home on account of a wound in the foot, has recovered and returned to the front.

Lieut. Wm. P. Clifton (Purchasing Dept. Massey-Harris Head Office), has been reported wounded but is still on duty. He went away with the 88th Machine Gun Unit last May. He was in France once before, having gone over with the surplus officers of the First Contingent. His father, Pte. Harry Clifton, is at the front also.



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.

Rules for Patients.

All patients are to help in maintaining Order, Cleanliness, Neatness and Good Behaviour in the Home and Grounds.

Patients must not leave the Grounds before 2 p.m. without permission.

A copy of the Military Regulations will be found in the Large Recreation Hall and should be read by all patients.

Slippers are provided for use indoors, and should be worn as much as possible in the Wards and Recreation Rooms, but not out of doors. A Boot and Coat Room is provided in basement.

Pyjamas are provided, and should always be worn at night.

Hot and Cold Shower and Plunge Baths are provided, and all Patients are expected to use them regularly. The N.C.O. in charge of each Ward will arrange for this.

Patients may smoke in Recreation Hall, Billiard Room and Palm House, but not in Dining Room, Entrance Hall, Passages, Corridors and Wards. Only Patients confined to bed during the day may smoke in the Wards, but not later than 6 p.m., and if approved by Medical Officer.

Cigarette-ends, Matches, Ashes and Paper, etc., should not be thrown down on the floors nor in the Grounds, but placed in the Ash-trays and Baskets provided.

Expectorating, by spreading infection is dangerous to all, and is prohibited. Patients requiring to spit should use Sputum-cups which will be provided in the Dispensary on application.

Games are provided in the large Recreation Hall and Palm House, and all these, as well as Books, Magazines and Papers, etc., should be

put back in their places by Patients as soon as they have finished using them.

Supplies of Writing Paper, Envelopes and Postcards may be had on applying to any of the Sisters.

Tennis, Bowls, Quoits, Golf and other Outdoor Games are provided for, and all the appliances should be returned to their places in the Palm House immediately the Games are finished. Deck-chairs, etc., should also be returned to the Palm House every night.

Books by standard authors may be obtained on loan on application to one of the Sisters. Books should be returned to her as soon as read, or in a week at latest, also when Patients leave the Home.

The friends of Patients may visit the Home on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4.30 p.m. by Pass to be obtained from the Orderly Sergeant.

When new Patients arrive, they are requested to give their Home Addresses in Canada at the Matron's Office.

Patients are requested not to use the Wards or Bedrooms as sitting-rooms or for writing letters, etc. The Recreation Rooms are provided for these purposes.

Fire Drill is held regularly, and Patients should read the Special Notices posted up in the Corridors and Wards regarding measures to be taken in case of Fire.

A short non-Denominational Service is held every Sunday morning at 10 a.m., which all the men, except Catholics, are expected to attend. There is a Catholic Church near by for the latter.

Before leaving the Home, Patients are desired to hand in to the Orderly or Sister in Charge of their Ward, their Pyjamas, Towels, Slippers, Collars and Ties; also any books on loan from Lending Library.



ORNAMENTAL WATERS AND BRIDGE IN GROUNDS.