

"KINGSWOOD"

Massey-Harris
Convalescent Home
IN ENGLAND
For Canadian Soldiers

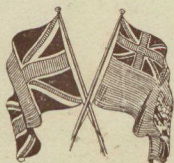
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"KINGSWOOD,"

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Christmas at "Kingswood"

Contributed by Nursing Sister Oram.

The first peep into the out-of-doors and it might have been Canada, for the trees and ground were all white and the lake was glazed, but in-doors first and last and all day through was joyous Christmas, England or Canada, it mattered not where. Kingswood in-doors was Christmas for the eyes and Christmas in spirit. Everywhere was Christmas green, through all the rooms and wards and halls, young trees and holly sprays and wreaths and Christmas red in berries, leaves and flowers. Mistletoe hung from quite surprising corners, and the boys' eyes were full of fun and daring.

At 10 o'clock when "Mail-call" blew, everyone was in line all eager. Everyday it is a call to be answered with alacrity, but Christmas morning, oh, what anticipation, what hopes! and few were disappointed. Through the kindness of friends each one received a Christmas letter addressed to him personally, and then there were letters and parcels from home.

It was a holiday at home, and so the games which perhaps are played half lazily on confining ordinary days, were entered into with zest and brightness, and things were generally gay and merry, and oh, the rush when "Cook-house" was sounded clear and quite plainly at 1 o'clock: "Oh, come to your Christmas dinner, turkeys, cranberries and pies!" instead

of the everyday: "Oh, come to the Cook-house door, boys, come to the Cook-house door!" though perhaps, the notes were the very same! And what a dinner awaited them, what tables, what a room! Perhaps, the dining-room could claim to be the very best on this day of days, but how describe its added beauties, for it is a most lovely room. Holly with its bright green and bright red, completely surrounded each of the handsome stained glass windows which are on one side of the room, and between hung flags, the good old English one that has brought us all here, and our good Canadian, and these were looped with wreaths of our true emblem in its full autumnal splendor, the tapestried walls and big oak door leading to the Recreation Room and Drawing Room Ward were brightened with Christmas colors: from the centre light hung a great bunch of holly with mistletoe peeping out, and the mantel, one of the treasures of the house and a wonder in its magnificence of carving, was heaped with flowers and ferns, and in the middle of the great mirror was another wreath of our emblem, and these had been sent from the Land of the Maple to help decorate for the Christmas dinner. Could there have been a nicer thought? Nature's beauties in the form of shaggy chrysanthemums, a gift of our fairy god-father, Mr. Leech, adorned all the tables,

and with red and green streamers and crackers, the tables were most attractive.

To read the menu: Giblet Soup, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, and Pork Sausages, Cranberry Sauce, Baked Potatoes and Savoy Cabbage, Plum Pudding, Fruit, Candies, Crackers, Cigars and Cigarettes.

It might sound good, it might not; depends on what you have had and what you haven't, what you have been through and what you haven't, but for each and every boy who sat at these gay tables in this beautiful room, we here knew that it was a royal good Christmas dinner. Nowhere could it have been better, none could have tasted grander. Many of them had been last Christmas and the one before in the trenches on this day, and all had experienced the hardships of the front lines.

After dinner there were amusements until 4 o'clock, and then the locked doors of the Recreation Room were thrown open and there was the Christmas Tree, and oh, such a big tree, reaching to the high beamed ceiling and spreading its weighed-down branches out so far! It was shining and shimmering, it was tinted with gay spots of all colors, and the lights from the many, many candles, from top-most tip to farthest spreading branches, set all the color and glitter into a Land of Fairies. Presents tied in bundles with white tissue paper, and red, white and blue ribbon hung through it all, and were the realities. Our boys easily filled the down-stairs part of the room, for there must have been 125, our house was full and many of our old boys had come to us for the day; then, on the stairs and balcony were our friends: Mrs. Raynolds, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Miss Shuttleworth, Mr. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. Leech, Mr. Bingham, and others, and for them it must have been a double enjoyment; they couldn't but enter into the spirit, and had the added pleasure of seeing the boys thoroughly lose themselves in a good old jolly time. First, there were songs, the ones the boys love and can sing well, the songs of the trenches and the popular songs and "The Maple Leaf for Ever," and "O Canada," too, and while yet they were merry with song, the doors leading into the hall opened and in whirled Santa Claus laden with packs and in a gorgeous red sleigh drawn by beautiful big "Major," the Staff Sergeant's pet dog from France. One sack seemed filled with scramble-goodies, and at unexpected moments, apples, candies and cigarettes were hurled into the crowd. There were funny presents, which being chosen with a point and presented by Santa Claus, who had a surprising knowledge of each boy and a quick wit equal only to Staff Sergeant Foley, brought roars of laughter and cheers from all the boys. The real gifts were greatly appreciated, and it seemed that the choosing, sorting

and labeling had been most wisely accomplished, for each boy was extremely enthusiastic over what he received. One boy opened his bundle to find a fountain pen, a cigarette case well filled and a small leather photo frame; another a safety razor, a pair of warm gloves and a wallet; and great delight was caused by a flash-light, a shaving strap and brush and warm scarfs, socks, pipes, and tobacco pouches, canes, brushes, writing cases, playing cards, housewives, money-belts, and knives, seemed just what the boys could use and were so glad to receive.

The gifts on the tree were kindly provided by Mrs. Raynolds, Lieut. Harris, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Mr. J. N. Shentstone, Mr. M. J. Earley, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dawkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. Wedd, Mrs. Bate, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Goulding, Members of the London Office Staff of the Massey-Harris Co., Mr. R. B. Leech, the Matron, the Sisters and other friends.

After Supper, which was still more Christmas fare, there were good old-fashioned games and more fun and more songs, and so the day was merry through and through, and to all it was just perfectly grand, but even though to some it was so wonderful, it was not too much for anyone. These Canadian lads of ours are just back from the trenches for a time, and must return to horrors fully realized, and any who will not be forced to offer life again, are so disabled that they turn to a new life, not knowing what it holds for them.

It wasn't a few who exclaimed at the end of the day, "This has been the best Christmas I have ever known!" One boy said: "I never had a Christmas like this before, I have been in a boarding-house for sixteen years and usually just worked, so that some other fellow who had a home could be off." A Sister said to a lad when he was showing her his presents, "Now, perhaps, you could exchange with another boy, if there is anything you cannot make use of."

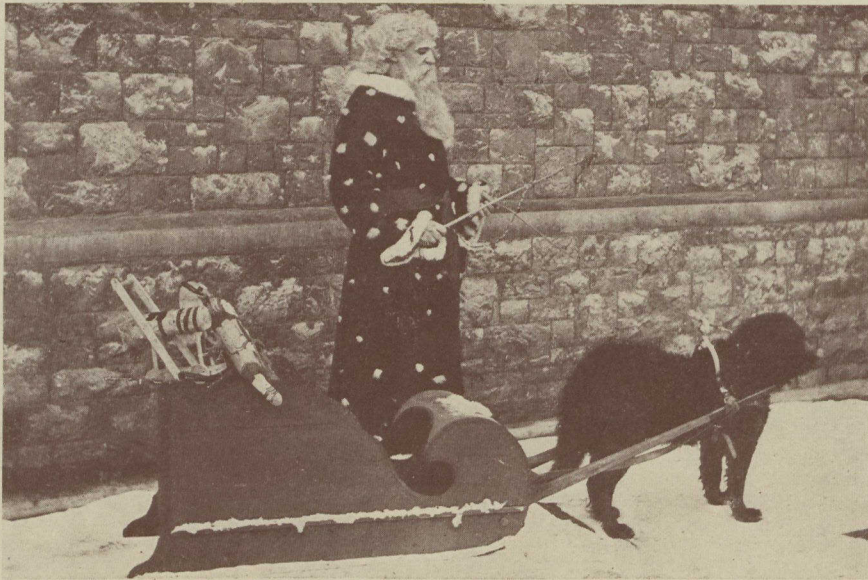
He looked up quickly and replied: "Oh, they are jake! The purse isn't much good to me *now*, but do you think I would exchange anything that came off that tree!"

One little incident in the afternoon of joyous happiness and mirth, I think worth telling. Our fairy god-father, Mr. Leech, received an invitation to the tree, but felt he must refuse because he had invited three boys from an Imperial Convalescent Hospital near by to his home for the day to give them a day of happiness, but when his three guests were included, he gladly came. The tree held presents for our Imperial guests too, and when the name of Pte. Smith was called and our boys saw he was a stranger and in the greys of the Imperials,

they sang lustily, "Good old Smith! Three cheers for Smith!" and so with the other two when their turns came. The instantaneous, free, genuine cheer was most touching.

It was a truly Happy Christmas for all.

The morning passed quickly. That happy spirit which comes every Christmas when everyone is greeted with good wishes could easily be recognized, and everyone seemed already to be realizing a "Happy Christmas."



STAFF-SERGEANT FOLEY AS "SANTA CLAUS" AND HIS DOG "MAJOR"

Christmas Day.

Contributed by Private F. E. Armstrong,
9th Field Ambulance.

As Christmas approached one could frequently hear some one counting the days and considering the prospects. Some would speak of home, others were expressing their satisfaction with the more favourable outlook as compared with the Christmas spent on Active Service, but everyone was pleased with the growing prospects of enjoying the hospitality of the Massey-Harris Convalescent Home.

When Christmas arrived we soon realized that no effort had been spared in preparing a good time for all. The building throughout was artistically decorated. It was quite obvious that the great aim of those who made these elaborate preparations was that all might spend the day in the usual Canadian fashion, and in this it was a great success. The decorations, the dinner, the visitors, Santa Claus, and the Christmas Tree with its great load of presents was a spectacle, in each case, which recalled many happy Christmas Days.

On entering the Dining-room for dinner, we were all pleased to find the beautiful walls decorated with the various flags of the Empire, holly, evergreens, and several wreaths of maple leaves, and the tables attractively prepared with a delightful display of bouquets and fruit. The great dinner was tastily served, and certainly was a credit to those responsible for the work. Everyone ate heartily and seemed to forget they were soldiers. The one who said, "I can never look a turkey straight in the face again," seemed to express the feeling of a great many that day.

The early part of the afternoon was spent in playing games, going for a friendly stroll or having a friendly chat according to choice. Soon after three o'clock we were all invited into the Recreation Room. The special attraction here was the brilliant Christmas Tree in the corner. It was a very pleasing sight, not only because it carried so many excellent gifts, but it recalled many happy Christmas seasons, when the Christmas Tree was the great event.

A short programme provided a few minutes' entertainment. Then Santa Claus appeared. He was dressed in a very appropriate garb. His reindeer was represented by his faithful dog Major. Major is a treasure

because of his history. He was rescued at sea in 1915, having been on board a torpedoed Danish ship. He was landed in France, where he found his present master. Santa Claus proved himself to be genuinely witty to the extent of keeping everyone in a state of laughter, while he distributed his much appreciated gifts. He did not seem to forget anyone.

When he had finished, a real Christmas supper was ready for us in the Dining-room. It was equal to the dinner in quality and was partaken of with equal relish.

Thus we spent a Merry and real Happy Christmas at the Massey-Harris Convalescent Home.

Report of the Resident Secretary

For November and December, 1916

During the month of November, the accommodation at Kingswood has continued to be taxed to its utmost capacity. The Canadians, who took such a noble part in the desperate fighting on the Somme in September and October, have not, since that period, been engaged in any very serious assaults, and consequently there was a comparatively small number of Canadian wounded sent from France to England during November. But those wounded during September and October were being discharged from the "Acute" hospitals during November, to finish their treatment in the convalescent homes, so that the flow of this class of patient continued steadily. No sooner was a batch of men discharged from Kingswood for return to duty with their regiments, or for special treatment in one or other of the "specialist" hospitals, or to return to Canada for final discharge, than their places were taken by new men from the "acute" hospitals. The places were never vacant for more than a few hours.

These new arrivals experience a welcome change and great relief in the life at Kingswood. While they are in the "acute" hospitals they are more or less confined to their wards, if not to bed, the military discipline is strict, they are seldom or never allowed out, and have comparatively few opportunities for amusement or recreation. Although the medical and surgical treatment and general arrangements for the comfort and well-being of patients in the "acute" hospitals, are in most cases very good, there is, in the majority of them, little to relieve the deadly monotony of military hospital life, especially for men after they reach the convalescent stage, and are able to move about again, who have been accustomed to the free open-air life of the North-West, and crave to go out and renew their interests in life, but cannot. To such men, Kingswood, with its comfortable, home-like atmosphere and surroundings, and the arrangements for providing healthy and interesting recreations, all come as a very welcome relief. The results are shown in the excellent progress made by the men

towards renewed health, the rarity of abuse of the freedom or privileges extended to them, their continued good behaviour, and grateful appreciation of all that is done for them.

The weather all through the month was exceptionally wet, cold and foggy, and on more than one occasion some of our men had their first experience of nearly getting lost in a real, thick, old-time London fog! The conditions were not very favorable, therefore, for outdoor work or recreations, but whenever the weather permitted a number went out for rides through the interesting parts of London in our motor car, while the more able-bodied were able to take exercise in the grounds, do some light gardening work, go out in the afternoons to visit their friends, or find recreation at a picture-show or theatre (if their scanty purses permit).

The long, dark winter evenings make the comfortable, well-heated recreation rooms greatly appreciated. There is a plentiful and varied assortment of books, magazines, Canadian and British papers, also games such as billiards, chess, draughts, dominoes, etc., to help the men to pass their time agreeably.

A number of outings and entertainments were arranged during the month, the most important being that on the Lord Mayor's Show Day on 9th November. On this date each year, when the new Lord Mayor of London assumes office, the installation ceremony includes a "Show" or procession through the principal streets of the city, followed by the renowned Banquet in the Guild-Hall. Fifty of our men, in charge of the Matron and Nurses, were invited to view the procession from the windows of the London offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Canada Life Assurance Co., the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Allan Line, and Lloyd's Bank, a party of men at each place. Another party of 20 men were invited to view it from the offices of "The Times" newspaper. All had an excellent view of the Procession, which this year took the form of a military pageant, and included, besides the Lord Mayor

in his gilded state-coach, detachments of Imperial, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and South African troops. The firms mentioned also very kindly provided a liberal and excellent supply of refreshments for the men.

On 1st November, 50 men and 2 nurses were invited by the Vicar of a neighboring church (Christ's Church) to a tea party, with music, games, etc., followed by an excellent supper.

On 7th and again on 21st November, 20 men on each occasion, went to the usual splendid Concert and Tea at the Savoy Hotel, to which a party of our men are invited every fortnight by our neighbor, Mrs. Corbett.

On 8th November, 25 men and 2 nurses went to the Autumn Flower Show of the Dulwich Horticultural Society, the entertainment including a concert and ample tea, all by kind invitation of our good friend Mr. R. B. Leech.

On 10th November, we had an excellent Evening Concert in our Recreation Hall by a party of 8 ladies, arranged by Miss D. Douglas.

On 14th November, a very enjoyable Evening Concert was given in the Home by Mrs. Spurrett and party.

On 17th November, the evening was devoted to a Whist Drive in the Recreation Hall, kindly arranged by Mr. R. B. Leech and a number of his friends, and in which about 80 in all took part. Mr. Leech not only made all the arrangements in excellent shape, but he very generously provided a number of valuable prizes for the winners. The evening was a most successful and enjoyable one for all.

On 22nd November, 20 men were entertained at a Concert and Tea at one of the local church halls, by invitation of Mrs. Windsor, who on several occasions has kindly invited parties of our men to tea and to spend the evening in her home.

On the evening of the 24th November, we had a Concert in the Recreation Hall, arranged by the Assistant-Matron, Miss Powell, all the performers being our own patients. For some weeks beforehand, Miss Powell had devoted her spare time in the evenings to training the men, and the result was highly creditable to her and the performers also. Some exceptionally good singers were found among the patients; the men took a special interest in the enterprise, and the evening was one of the most enjoyable for performers and audience alike.

On 29th November, 12 men were invited by our friend, Miss Loudon Shand, to a Concert and Tea at the local municipal hall.

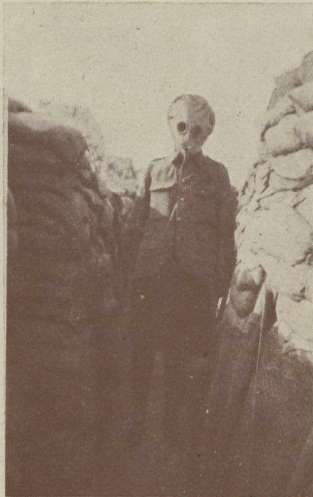
Apart from these entertainments, during the month there were about twenty small parties of the men invited out to tea and to spend the afternoon or evening in the homes of several of our neighbors. Most of our men have been far away from their own homes in Canada for a year or two, so that a quiet evening in an English home is very welcome to them, and most highly appreciated.

During the greater part of December, the Home has continued to be occupied to its full capacity. The men now being sent from France to the hospitals and convalescent homes in England are mostly those suffering from the

effects of exposure to the wet and cold weather in the trenches which bring on such maladies as Trench Fever, Trench Feet, Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of various kinds, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, etc. We have lately been receiving a number of such men at Kingswood, although the most of our patients continue to be those who have been wounded. The Canadians have not been engaged in any heavy fighting since October, so that very few wounded men have been coming from France. But the "acute" hospitals in England have continued to discharge men who have at last reached the convalescent stage—men who were wounded six, eight or ten weeks ago in the September and October fighting, and whose limb fractures or wounds, being serious, have taken longer to heal.

We now receive comparatively few "shell-shock" cases, partly because these are mostly treated now in a special Canadian convalescent Home at Buxton, but chiefly because our superiority in aircraft scouting and observation work, and our mastery of the Germans in the weight and quality of our artillery fire, prevents the Germans from subjecting our trenches to any heavy or well-aimed discharge of shells, such as our men often suffered from until a few months back.

Patients who are suffering with lung or heart weakness as a result of "Poison Gas" are now also comparatively few here. The Germans seldom attack in force now, and seldom discharge gas in large quantities from cylinders or pipes as they used to, but when they now do so, the gas helmets and other



CANADIAN WEARING A GAS HELMET IN THE TRENCHES NEAR YPRES.

counter-measures taken by our troops obviate any serious bad effects. But the Germans continue to use gas-shells, which, when they explode in or near our trenches, sometimes cause a few of our men to be slightly "gassed". The raw cold weather and fogs of a London winter are rather trying for this class of patient, but our comparative freedom here from the smoke-laden London fogs, and the open, healthy, country-like surroundings at Kingswood, present ideal conditions for their recovery.

The Army Medical Service, both Imperial and Canadian, seems to be now strongly convinced of the great and growing importance of Massage in the treatment of wounded men. In very many cases the bullet or piece of shell in its passage has torn the muscles or nerves so that after the wound has healed, these muscles are still so numbed as to be almost or quite useless, and the patient has little or no control over the organs affected. Sometimes it is one or more fingers that are useless and have no power to grip, sometimes the hand, or even the whole arm or leg is affected. In other cases, the muscles, although brought together and healed, leave the hand, arm, foot or leg, stiff, so that it cannot be turned, bent, or used in the normal way. In still another class of case, the wound in healing has caused "lesions" or "adhesions" of the tissues and muscles, which prevent the free use of the organs affected.

For all these classes of cases, as well as many others, a course of Massage, carefully adapted to the particular needs of the patient, gives very beneficial effects. The cures effected in both Imperial and Canadian hospitals, of what only a few years ago would have been considered as hopeless cases, have been many and wonderful. Most doctors seem now convinced that in future, not only for wounded men, but in general practice, massage will be one of the most important remedial measures.

For some time the Medical Officers attending our patients at Kingswood have been recommending an increasing number to have massage, until now about half our patients have this treatment daily. This keeps those of our nurses who can do massage, busily employed, and in addition we have had to employ a local Masseuse, specially qualified in Massage and the "Swedish Movements," which sometimes form a necessary adjunct. The Home is also equipped with two suitable Electrical Batteries for the treatment of simple cases where Electrical Massage is beneficial. The results secured have been most gratifying and encouraging.

Owing to the continued fighting and the heavy casualties in France throughout the autumn, causing serious pressure on the "acute" hospitals in England, patients seem to have been sent out from these at an earlier stage in

their convalescence than formerly, so that we have quite a large number of men whose wounds are not quite healed, and require "dressings" daily—about 40 every day on an average.

The weather during December was mostly wet and cold, but whenever it was fine enough those of the patients who are able were out walking in the grounds or doing light gardening work.

Our motor car continues, on fine days, to take those unable to walk for a drive round the most interesting parts of London.

During the bad weather and the long, dark evenings, the Billiard Room and Recreation Hall continue to be well patronized.

We continue to have an Evening Concert once a week in the Recreation Hall, arranged by different parties of ladies and gentlemen in the neighborhood. The talent is generally of a high order, and the entertainments are greatly enjoyed by all.

Billiard Tournaments and Whist Drives are also arranged by the Matron and Sisters, which provide interesting and agreeable recreation for the men during the long evenings.

The most important event in the list of amusements for the month, was our Christmas Festivities, of which Sister Oram has written a description.

Other entertainments during the month were as follows:

On the evening of 2nd December we had a very enjoyable Orchestral Concert here by the Brass Band of the 12th County of London Regiment of the Volunteer Training Corps, interspersed by songs by members of the Band and friends.

On the afternoon of 5th December, 20 men went to another of the fortnightly Concerts and Teas at the Savoy Hotel, London, by invitation of Mrs. Corbett. This is now the tenth time she has invited a similar party of our men to these excellent entertainments, at which there are usually 300 convalescent soldiers in all.

On the afternoon of 7th December, 8 men were entertained to Tea, Music, Games, etc., at the house of a neighbour, Miss Prescott, and another party of 8 on 8th December.

On the evening of 8th December, we had an excellent Concert here by Miss Dorothea Douglas' party of eight ladies; the second time this winter they have given us a concert.

For the afternoon of 9th December, Mr. R. B. Leech invited 25 men to Tea and to attend a splendid Variety Entertainment by Madame Parker and her party in a neighbouring hall.

On the evening of 15th December, we had a most enjoyable Concert and Variety Entertainment here, kindly arranged by Dr. Sharman, a well-known local doctor, and Mr. H. Sidney



SCENE FROM THE PLAY "WHO'S WHO" PRESENTED AT KINGSWOOD, DEC. 29, 1916.
 Left to Right:—Lance Corporal Menzies, Sister Powel, Corporal McKay, Sister Wilson, Staff-Sergeant Foley.

Cadle, the Solicitor of the extensive Dulwich College estates and properties.

On the afternoon of 16th December, 14 men attended a Matinee Performance at the Alhambra Variety Theatre, and on 20th December, 12 men a Matinee Performance at Wyndham's Theatre, in both cases followed by Tea at a well-known London restaurant, all by kind invitation of Mrs. Kate Payne, a visitor in the neighbourhood.

On the evening of 19th December, we had an exceptionally enjoyable Concert by our good friend, Madame Parker and her party, including the veteran Mr. Charles Coborn (of "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" fame), and who gave Concerts many years ago all over Canada, including one in the Massey Hall, Toronto.

On the afternoon of 19th December, 20 men attended another of the fortnightly Concerts and Teas at the Savoy Hotel, London.

On the evening of 22nd December, the local Vicar, the Rev. W. F. James, gave a greatly appreciated Reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," with Lantern Views.

On the afternoon of 21st December, 20 men went to a Variety Entertainment at a theatre near by in aid of the funds of Homedale, an Imperial Convalescent Home with 50 patients, situated close to Kingswood. Our 20 men afterwards went to Tea and spent the evening with their British colleagues at Homedale. We are on very cordial terms with our neighbours at Homedale, parties of their men and nurses here to our concerts, whilst parties from Kingswood visit Homedale in the same way.

Christmas Day was celebrated in worthy fashion by a special Christmas Dinner, Christmas Tree, and other entertainments, of which Nursing-Sister Oram has written a full description. It was all a great success, and reflected great credit on the Matron and Sisters, who had all devoted so much of their thoughts and time to ensure a day's real home-like enjoyment for our men. It will be at least one bright spot in the long, hard time they have gone through in the past, and may have to pass through again, and will be a pleasant memory for them to think and talk about for many a long day to come.

On the evening of 29th December, we had an excellent Dramatic Performance here by members of the staff and patients. Nursing Sister Oram has also written a description of this entertainment, which was one of the most successful and enjoyable we have ever had. The artists deserve the greatest credit, not only for their fine performance, but for their unselfish and painstaking work in practising and rehearsing, so as to make the evening such a genuine success.

On the afternoon of 30th December, 25 men were entertained to tea, games and music, in a local hall, by a party of ladies in the neighborhood, and organized by Miss May Smith.

On the afternoon of 31st December, 16 men were entertained to a New Year's Dinner and Concert, given to 150 Canadian Convalescent Soldiers by the National Liberal Club at their new headquarters in Victoria St., Westminster, to commemorate the framing of the Act of Union for the confederation of British North America, which was done in 1866-67 in the

Canada Room of the Club. Among others, Sir George Foster was present, and addressed the men, who spent a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

In addition to these entertainments, about a dozen small parties of our men were invited out to tea and to spend the afternoon or evening at the homes of several of our neighbors.

KINGSWOOD, LONDON, S.E.

MASSEY-HARRIS CO., LIMITED,
TORONTO, ONT.

DEAR SIRS,—I am taking the liberty and greatest pleasure of writing you to try and convey to you in mere words how I appreciate all the comforts provided for us in the Massey-Harris Convalescent Home, and home it is in every sense of the word. After months of hardships in France we feel its homelike influence almost the moment we enter this beautiful place, where all the Staff from Matron, Sergt.-Major and Nurses make every effort in their power to make us comfortable and happy, even to providing musical evenings for our benefit. The food which is of the very best is cooked and served in that good old homelike way, added to all the rest of our comforts, leaves nothing to be wished for. I cannot say too much in praise of everything we receive here, after our months in France and weary weeks in hospital.

I remain, yours respectfully,

SERG. H. B. CONROD,
102nd Batt. Canadians.



INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE OF PLOEGSTAET (NEAR YPRES) DESTROYED BY GERMAN SHELLS.

The little snap-shots we show in this issue were taken in Flanders by one of our own patients.

From the Christchurch (N.Z.) Times, we clip the following:

“By the last mail letters were received by the friends of Sergeant David Howlett to the effect that he had been awarded the Military Medal for an act of gallantry on the field. Sergeant Howlett was a member of the office staff of the Massey-Harris Company, Limited, Christchurch, and left with the Main Body. He was wounded on three occasions, and at present is in the New Zealand Convalescent Camp at Hornchurch, Essex, and expects to be back at the front at an early date.”

PROGRAMME

Christmas Day, 25th December, 1916.

BREAKFAST

Porridge and Milk,
Bacon and Butter Beans,
Tea, Bread and Butter.

10 A.M.—Distribution of Mail, Letters and Parcels from home. During forenoon, Billiards, Dominoes, Draughts and Music, etc., in the Recreation Rooms.

DINNER, 1 P.M.

Giblet Soup,
Roast Turkey with Stuffing,
Pork Sausages with Cranberry Sauce,
Baked Potatoes and Savoy Cabbage,
Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce.
Followed by a service of Fruit, Candies,
Crackers, Cigars and Cigarettes.

During the afternoon, Billiards and other games in Recreation Rooms.

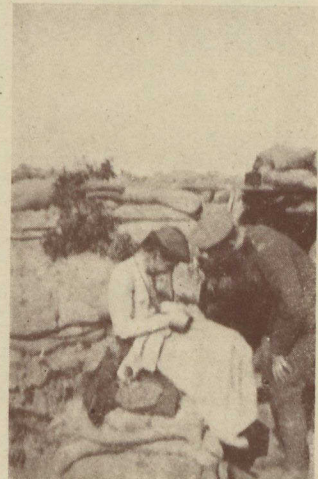
4 P.M.

Christmas Tree in the Recreation Hall, with distribution of gifts to all the patients and Staff by Santa Claus, in costume, and his dog.

SUPPER, 6 P.M.

Cottage Pie and Mashed Potatoes,
Mince Pies,
Tea, Bread and Butter, Jam, Cake.

During the evening, in the Recreation Hall, Christmas Games, interspersed with Music, Songs, Recitations, etc., by members of the Staff and patients.



CANADIANS IN THE TRENCHES.
“A STILL HUNT”

Register of Patients at "Kingswood"

With Home Address wherever furnished.

No.	NAME	HOME ADDRESS	No.	NAME	HOME ADDRESS
610	Morris, Fred,	Fort William, Ont.	663	Salewyn, Alex. Wm.,	Ottawa, Ont.
611	Baldwin, Wm.,	Erdington, England	664	Mees, Albert,	Montreal, Que.
612	Waldford, Chas.,	Almoute, Ont.	665	Reynolds, Frank,	Mitcham, England
613	Hilsden, Eric S.,	Chatsworth, Ont.	666	Jones, Wilfred E., Sgt.,	Toronto, Ont.
614	Willmore, H.,	Winnipeg, Man.	667	Bertram Wilfred J.,	La Rocque, Eng.
615	Norris, Culver,	Cleveland, Ohio	668	Greenwell, Wm. G.,	Edmonton, Alta.
616	Underhill, H. G.,	Fingal, Ont.	669	Barbour, Wm.,	Toronto, Ont.
617	Myles, F. G.,	Montreal, Que.	670	Kerr, George,	Birmingham, Eng.
618	Thoreson, Theodore,	Calgary, Alta.	671	Palmer, David, Sgt.,	Réxton, N.B.
619	McDowell, Eddie,	Toronto, Ont.	672	Hurst, John Day, Cpl.,	Guelph, Ont.
620	McLaren, Wm. Lewis,	Ottawa, Ont.	673	Blogg, Arthur E.,	Goldstream, B.C.
621	Hauck, Frank,	Woodbridge, Ont.	674	Stirling, George,	Helensburgh, Scotland
622	Farquharson, Jas. McD.,	Agincourt, Ont.	675	Wettlofar, H. C.,	Walkerton P.O., Ont.
623	Bower, Sydney, Cpl.	Rutherford, N. J.	676	Harper, Ed. Douglas, Sgt.	Toronto, Ont.
624	Allen, Chas.,	Hamilton, Ont.	677	Gray, Andrew,	Calgary, Alta.
625	Morley, J. G., Sgt.,	Duncan, B.C.	678	Coleman, Roy Robt.,	Cookstown, Ont.
626	Maile, Ed. Cecil.,	Toronto, Ont.	679	Smyth, Wm. F.,	Strabane, Ireland
627	Williams, C. E.,	Stoughton, Sask.	680	Henderson, Wm. Jas.,	Winnipeg, Man.
628	Jamieson, Harry,	Hamsterly, Eng.	681	Wood, Sidney,	Toronto, Ont.
629	Quinlon, Milton,	Port Latour, N.S.	682	Mason, F., L. Cpl.,	Richmond, Ont.
630	Sayce, Leonard,	Cupor, Sask.	683	Sagle, Edward,	Oakville, Ont.
631	Hudson, Horace Fred.,	Strathroy, Ont.	684	King, A. E.,	Victoria, B.C.
632	Courtney, Patrick, Cpl.	Dawson P. O., Yukon	685	Crossthwaite, Ernest, Sgt.	Coram, Mon.
633	Hoskins, A.,	S. Vancouver, B.C.	686	Kelly, Fred. Jos.,	St. John, N.B.
634	Iredale, Theo. G.,	Hamilton, Ont.	687	Morgan, Osborne,	Vancouver, B.C.
635	Kent, Ivan,	Calgary, Alta.	688	Munro, Jos.,	Ottawa, Ont.
636	Marsden, R. D., Sgt.,	Preston, Ont.	689	Hanson, Percival F., Sgt.	Dawlish, England
637	Snelling, Stanley,	Woking, England	690	Dodd, Jas. H.,	Toronto, Ont.
638	Tanner, W. C.,	East Kirkby, Eng.	691	Pearson, Robt. W.,	Ottawa, Ont.
639	Johnson, Saml. B.,	Estevan, Sask.	692	Hallet, W. T.,	St. Johns, Newfoundland
640	Carter, Albert John,	Luton, England	693	Smith, W. B.,	Wingard, Sask.
641	Kennedy, H. E.,	Hassop Nelson, B.C.	694	Johnson, Sidney,	Bramhall, England
642	Sweeney, Thos.,	St. Mary's, Ont.	695	Errington, David J.,	Vancouver, B.C.
643	Barbour, J.,	Gaspe, Que.	696	Taylor, H. A.,	Brandon, Man.
644	Johnson, Thos. W.,	Marnhull, England	697	Mackenzie, John,	Bonar Bridge, England
645	Bennett, Dixon,	Whitehaven, Eng.	698	Murphy, W. J., L. Cpl.,	Norton, N.B.
646	Bouchard, Arthur,	Central Falls, R.I.	699	Churrick, J.,	Edmonton, Alta.
647	Neville, Robt.,	Edmonton, Alta.	700	Stewart, John,	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
648	Duncan, Robt., Sgt.,	Eagle River, Ont.	701	Walker, Alex.,	Stratford, Ont.
649	Amos, W., L. Cpl.,	Tisdale, Sask.	702	Mills, H.,	Milton West, Ont.
650	Turner, W. Austin, S. Sgt.,	Nelson, B.C.	703	Heskett, W., L. Cpl.,	Montreal, Que.
651	Woods, H. Bertram,	Sunnyside, Alta.	704	Blarchette, Oliva,	St. Deriedu, Que.
652	Lowery, John,	Mt. Dennis, Ont.	705	Wright, G.,	Old Aberdeen, Scotland.
653	Cave, Norman Lev.,	Hastings, Ont.	706	Knox, Donald Stewart,	Toronto, Ont.
654	White, Geo Miller,	Moncton, N.B.	707	O'Brien, Kitchener,	East Southampton, England
655	Booth, Chas., Sgt.	Hillsboro', England			
656	Shertt, Arthur E.,	Englehart, Ont.			
657	Shrum, Jas. Hy.,				
658	MacDonald, A. E.,	Hamilton, Ont.			
659	Ashworth, H. P., Cpl.,	Montreal, Que.			
660	Trimble, Jos. Pearen,	Inglewood, Ont.			
661	Ball, Wm. F. W.,	Chippenham, Eng.			
662	MacFee, Ph. Ransford,	Clarenceville, Que.			

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708	Cairns, Andrew,	Crossroads, Scotland	762	Hodge, Archie Steen,	Sydney, N.S.
709	Latremouille, A.,	Kamloops, B.C.	763	Lee, Russell,	Gananoque, Ont.
710	Murray, Pow.,	Hawick, Scotland	764	Sessions, Geo. Harold,	Bristol, England
711	Taylor, Leonard Jas.,	Toronto, Ont.	765	Wood, Arthur Douglas,	Ealing, England
712	Gash, David,	Fernie, B.C.	766	Underhill, Harrison G.,	Tingah, Ont.
713	Atkinson, F. H.,	Toronto, Ont.	767	Brailsford, Thos. S.,	Estevan, Sask.
714	Southall, R. C.,	Edmonton, Alta.	768	Martelle, Arthur,	Ottawa, Ont.
715	Allan, H. B.,	Leicester, England	769	Henderson, Rob. H.,	Toronto, Ont.
716	Dawson, Geo.,	Toronto, Ont.	770	Page, Wm. S., L. Cpl.,	Ipswich, England
717	Thibadeau, Armand,	Montreal, Que.	771	McFarlane, Jos.,	Marmora, Ont.
718	Taylor, Ben.,	Rochdale, England	772	Cunningham, Leo'd P.,	Fort William, Ont.
719	Clark, H. P.,	Kenilworth Ont.	773	Pollock, Thos. Hy.,	Belturbet, Ireland
720	Barker, Raymond,	Kindersley, Sask.	774	Black, Richard,	Toronto, Ont.
721	Moore, C. G.,	Burton-on-Trent, England	775	Postalas, John,	Quebec, Que.
722	Stollard, Herb. Thos.,	Toronto, Ont.	776	Connell, Herb. Allan,	Chilliwack, B.C.
723	Le Clair, F.,	Montreal, Que.	777	Coles, Wm. Allan,	Fairford, England
724	Jones, Jas. K.,	Manchester, Eng.	778	Taylor, Donald,	Vermilion, Alta.
725	Stevens, Harry,	Roma, Sask.	779	Neville, Jas.,	Montreal, Que.
726	Roberts, Harry B., Cpl.,	St. Johns, N.B.	780	Moss, Frank,	Calgary, Alta.
727	Crawford, Arthur,	Alexandria, Scotl'd	781	Borchell, George,	Cape Breton, N.S.
728	Brasmer, Paul,	Hamilton, Ont.	782	Saunders, Alfred,	Toronto, Ont.
729	Purcell, Frank P.,	Halifax, N.S.	783	Riley, John,	Edmonton, Alta.
730	Dillon, Thos. Walter,	Meaford, Ont.	784	Beadle, Archie W.,	Toronto, Ont.
731	Waterer, Geo.,	Ottawa, Ont.	785	Guy, Geo. Hy.,	Toronto, Ont.
732	Hanlon, Alfred,	Paris P.O., Ont.	786	Speed, Harry,	Winnipeg, Man.
733	Wilson, R. W. K.,	Dunlin, Ireland	787	Hutson, Thos. Lisle,	Calgary, Alta.
734	Poulin, J. D.,	Caraget, N.B.	788	Johnston, Walter Roy,	Whitby, Ont.
735	Goodhew, Albert,	Stratford, Ont.	789	Pennock, Arch.,	Victoria, B.C.
736	Gates, Ellis G.,	Lumenberg Co., N.S.	790	Lowe, Willie,	Springfield, N.S.
737	Davison, Arthur,	Winnipeg, Man.	791	Limard, Geo., L. Cpl.,	S. Jean D'Iberville, Que.
738	Lohie, R.,	London, England	792	Hodges, Walter S.,	South Norwood, England
739	Monaghan, O.,	Melita, Man.	793	Bell, Dulton, Alin,	Collingwood, Ont.
740	Hulton, Fred.,	Norwood Grove, Man.	794	Higgins, Fred,	Barrie, Ont.
741	Roy, A.,	Bathurst, N.B.	795	Meddins, Wm.,	Shrewsbury, Eng.
742	Cowan, Colin,	Selby, England	796	Lloyd, Geo. M., Sgt.,	Stratford, Ont.
743	Salvaneski, Jos. C., Reg. Sgt. Mjr.	Toronto, Ont.	797	Morley, John,	Redcliffe, England
744	Pendleton, Geo.,	Clevedon, England	798	Glover, Geo. Hy.,	Belton, Ont.
745	McCarren, Jas., Sgt.,	Montreal, Que.	799	Belich, Nikola,	Shabach, Serbia
746	Williamson, H. H.,	Snettisham, Eng.	800	Pinault, Ed.,	St. Malo, Que.
747	Wilkie, Albert,	La Have, N.S.	801	Morgan, Geo. Wm.,	Felixstowe, Eng.
748	Lapuaie, Nelson,	Winnipeg, Man.	802	Black, Wm. R.,	Kirn, Scotland
749	Cosgrave, A. F.,	Port Arthur, Ont.	803	Woods, Thos.,	Hanwell, England
750	Jackson, T. W.,	Mattawa, Ont.	804	Moulton, Stanley,	Burin Bay Arm., Newfoundland
751	Longevin, H.,	Harrietsham, Eng.	805	Sowerby, John S.,	Moncton, N.B.
752	Bell, Ernest,	Warsaw, Ont.	806	Armstrong, W. E.,	Drumbo, Ont.
753	McCann, R. P.,	Ruddell, Sask.	807	Muirhead, S. A.,	Khedive, Sask.
754	Marcott, Alphonse E., Cpl.	Plessesville, Que.	808	Burley, Roy Bedell, Sgt.	Wellington, Ont.
755	Evans, Robt. Jas.,	Hoylelake, England	809	Guidry, Odon,	Campbelton, N.B.
756	McCaskill, A. D., Cpl.,	Toronto, Ont.	810	Crew, Frank,	Chippenham, Eng.
757	Lawrence, N.,	Reading, England	811	Anderson, Alfred B.,	Halifax, N.S.
758	McCowan, Wm.,	Banff, Alta.	812	Cooper, Henry,	Montreal, Que.
759	Stewart, C. A.,	Brandon, Man.	813	Wren, Wm. A.,	Hamilton, Ont.
760	Adams, Fredk.,	Witchford, Eng.	814	Latrewaile, G. A.,	Hull, Que.
761	Ovens, Stewart,	Leith, Scotland	815	Clarke, Albert Ed.,	Salisbury, England
			816	Ryan, M. J.,	Malone, N.Y.

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817	O'Connell, John,	Homer, Ont.	873	Stipe, B.,	Brantford, Ont.
818	Glenister, Herbert A.,	Orillia, Ont.	874	Lacey, Edward D.,	Limerick, Ireland
819	Mears, John Stanley,	London, England	875	Dair, J.,	Dundee, Scotland
820	Shilton, Walter,	Hull, England	876	Fildey, Edison Jas.,	Cookstown, Ont.
821	Shaw, Malcolm J.,	Amherstburg, Ont.	877	Johnston, J.,	Woodstock, Ont.
822	Craig, Thomas,	Winnipeg, Man.	878	Floyd, Russell,	Toronto, Ont.
823	Doucette, Basil A.,	Star City, Sask.	879	Cameron, Donald B.,	Caithness, Scotland
824	Knight, Reuben E.,	Morrie, Man.	880	Snell, Chas. E.,	Macville P. O., Ont.
825	Bertrand, A.,	Ottawa, Ont.	881	Phillips, David,	Hazel Grove, Eng.
826	Ferguson, W. Russell,	Fernie, B.C.	882	Woods, Hill McM.,	Belfast, Ireland
827	Baxter, Chas.,	Hibaldstone Brigg, England	883	Mann, Charles,	Chatham, N.B.
828	Bickerton, F. Neville,	Hamilton, Ont.	884	Aubbry, Arthur,	Lowell, Mass.
829	Clark, W. N.,	Winnipeg, Man.	885	Cameron, Jas. M.,	Vancouver, B.C.
830	Marquis, Jas. Adjutor,	Quebec, Que.	886	Seymour, Harry C.,	Lundar, Man.
831	Gerard, A.,	Cote Nord, Que.	887	Kellough, Francis L.,	Halifax, N.S.
832	Hamilton, Wm. O.,	Nanticokes, Ont.	888	Airhart, Louis A.,	Toronto, Ont.
833	Taylor, Jas. B.,	Farrell, Penn., U.S.A.	889	Smith, John,	Podolsk, Russia
834	Kent, E. H. J.,	Montreal, Que.	890	Blackwell, H. Robert,	Fort William, Ont.
835	Stewart, Donald,	Inverness, Scotland	891	Lamarche, D.,	North Bay, Ont.
836	Drew, Ernest James,	North Hatley, Que.	892	Sallaway, John,	Ottawa, Ont.
837	Mildon, Jas. R.,	S. Edmonton, Alta.	893	Harrison, J. B.,	Black Hawk, Ont.
838	Liggitt, J.,	Leicester, England	894	Jones, W. H.,	Montreal, Que.
839	Young, F. Leslie,	Mill Cove, N.S.	895	Knapp, Wm. Jas.,	Toronto, Ont.
840	Wagner, H.	Liverpool, N.S.	896	Lutz, H. Kilborn,	Oso Station, Ont.
841	McFarlane, Joseph,	Marmora, Ont.	897	Scully, Peter,	Toronto, Ont.
842	Spence, Adam G.,	Toronto, Ont.	898	McKay, Alexander,	Creermore, Ont.
843	Mulock, H. W.,	Severn Bridge, Ont.	899	Baron, Joseph,	Montreal, Que.
844	Turner, Sidney Jas.,	London, England	900	Bayliss, Leonard,	St. Thomas, Ont.
845	Menzies, Jno. T.,	Toronto, Ont.	901	Doherty, Edward P.,	St. John, N.B.
846	Meagher, Wm. N.,	Mulgrane, N.S.	902	Tobin, Michael J.,	Sillery, Que.
847	McKenzie, Colin,	Winnipeg, Man.	903	Topping, Nathaniel,	Connor Kells, Ireland
848	Patrick, S.,	Wymondham, Eng.	904	Boughton, Chas. A.,	Dewsbury, England
849	Wallace, W. G.,	Toronto, Ont.	905	Bourget, Rosario,	Three Rivers, Que.
850	Wilson, Joseph,	New Waterford, C B.	906	Watkins, Albert,	Indian Head, Sask.
851	Donnan, C.,	Annalong, Ireland	907	Carnall, Walter,	Glance Bay, Cape Breton, N.S.
852	Page, Henry,	Edmonton, Alta.	908	McNaughton, Alf. B.,	Victoria, B.C.
853	Lawrence, Fred. T.,	Salisbury, England	909	Angel, Wm. Hy.,	Calgary, Alta.
854	Harkness, Adam C.,	Parknenk, Scotland	910	Biggs, Allan,	Pembroke, Ont.
855	Dube, Antonin,	Montreal, Que.	911	Dudley, John S.,	Winnipeg, Man.
856	Jones, D. E.,	Toronto, Ont.	912	Prince, John W.,	Cookstown, Ont.
857	Wass, Dodson,	Hamilton, Ont.	913	Ward, Herbert L.,	Kentville, N.S.
858	Thorold, A. A.,	Cobourg, Ont.	914	Kondo, Han.,	Vancouver, B.C.
859	Timmins, G. W.,	Centreville, N.S.	915	Thibault, L.,	London, England
860	Smith, Archibald,	Moose Jaw, Sask.	916	Lippross, Harry,	St. Albert, Alta.
861	Dugdale, G. H. J. F.,	Bristol, England	917	Thieme, Ben.,	Mt. Forest, Ont.
862	Bell, Young G.,	Island Chios, Greece	918	Gilstorf, H. R.,	Alliston P. O., Ont.
863	Stewart, Walter,	Vancouver, B.C.	919	Davis, A. E.,	Vancouver, B.C.
864	Calder, David,	Toronto, Ont.	920	Meaden, David M.,	Nottingham, Eng.
865	Marshall, Alfred P.,	Badger, Man.	921	Clark, Geo. H.,	Gunderson, Sask.
866	Harvey, Arthur,	Toronto, Ont.	922	Hogue, Enos E.,	Pembroke, Ont.
867	Hamilton, Wesley,	Eel River, N.B.	923	Hogan, G. P.,	Moncton, N.B.
868	Findlay, S. Gordon,	Montreal, Que.	924	Huntingford, Ralph,	Ayr, Scotland
869	Lawrence, Walter,	Brooklin, Ont.	925	McKie, Jos. M.,	Amherst, N.S.
870	Diggle, John,	Walford, England	926	Baker, Odber L.,	Gub, Radom
871	Lavery, Thos. H.,	Whitby, Ont.	927	Kalata, Stanley,	Staszaw, Russia
872	Lemberg, O.,	Kamloops, B.C.			