

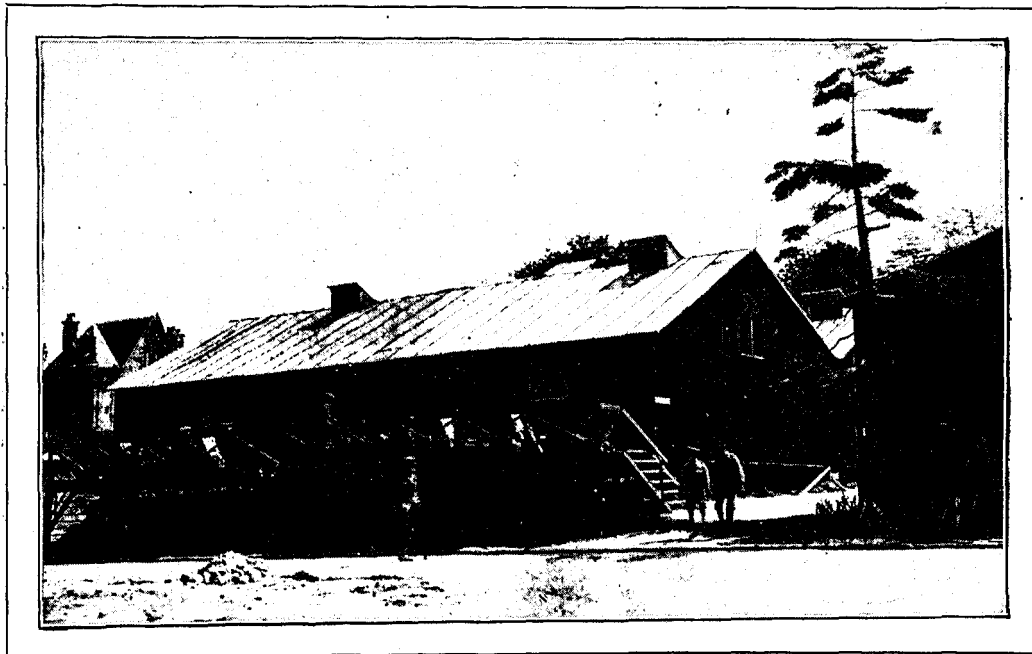
Colonel Tooth explained that the Young Men's Christian Association had offered £300 towards the cost of building the hut, which is estimated at £650, but at least another £300 will be required for its equipment and the expenses of heating. Light and water will be supplied by the Government.

Mr. Bennett, representing the Y.M.C.A., explained its method of procedure, and said that within ten days of the outbreak of war 250 such centres had been organized. Now there were over 1,000 in the British Empire, or with the Expeditionary Force. They were at work in India, Egypt, Mesopotamia, in the Dardanelles, at Malta, and elsewhere; and provided recreation, rest and refreshment. In connection with the one proposed for No. 1 Hospital, it was hoped

served in the V.A.D.'s recreation room; after which, many of those present took the opportunity of seeing both the new huts, and also the wards of the original hospital in St. Gabriel's College.

RECREATION HUTS IN FRANCE.

Over one hundred recreation huts and canteens have now been established in France by the Y.M.C.A., for British soldiers in connection with the Princess Victoria Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, and over 300 ladies have been sent out to work them and are carrying out their duties excellently, and letters received from the Base Commandants and from the soldiers prove how much they are appreciated. The hut shown in our illustration is the one at Havre named after Her Majesty the Queen. Needless to say all this



A VIEW OF QUEEN MARY'S HUT AT HAVRE.

to provide an extension, with billiard tables, if sufficient funds were received, and to open the hut by Christmas, or at any rate by the New Year. The equipment should include plenty of easy chairs, games, a platform for concerts; and the hut would be available for the use of men of all creeds.

THE COMMITTEE.

Colonel Tooth then proposed a Committee of Management, with Major McAdam Eccles as Hon. Treasurer; and, on the proposition of the latter, Mrs. Howard Tooth was elected Hon. Secretary. He also announced that, in addition to the £300 guaranteed by the Y.M.C.A., over £260 had been promised, which was a very satisfactory beginning.

At the conclusion of the meeting, tea was

work requires liberal donations, although many of the workers give their services and maintain themselves, and support could scarcely be given to a better cause. The huts take the place of a club, where the men can meet, see the papers, write letters, see their comrades, and enjoy the recreation and amusements, which help to relieve the inevitable tension of life at the front.

THE GOING.

He's gone;
I do not understand.
I only know
That as he turned to go
And waved his hand
In his young eyes a sudden glory shone
And I was dazzled with a sunset glow,
And he was gone.
—Gibson.

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