

KEEPING WAR RECORDS

HISTORICAL MATERIAL IS BEING PRESERVED AT OTTAWA.

Some Interesting Details Given in a Recent Report—A Daily News Bulletin of Canadian Events.

Some interesting details are given in a report which has just reached the Government from Sir Max Aitken on the joint establishment of the Canadian representative at the front and the Canadian war records. Sir Max first entered on his duties as Canadian Eyewitness single-handed, but is now assisted by a considerable staff of wounded soldiers, who are engaged in the compilation of history which they had helped to make.

As regards the "Eyewitness" reports, Sir Max states that the rigid censorship of the early days of the war, which made the sending of connected narratives impossible, has been relaxed, in many quarters this change for the better being attributed to the Canadians' determined initiative. Lieut.-Col. R. Manley Sims, D.S.O., a British army officer lately resident in Canada; Capt. T. G. Roberts, and Lieut. W. F. Bradley have been responsible for the preparation and compilation of the communique.

The Canadian War Records branch of Sir Max Aitken's activities is engaged in the task of putting in order all material which will ultimately be required for the Canadian archives and for the use of Canadian historians, including the diaries of various regiments, brigades, and other Canadian units' reports, photographs, maps, drawings, etc. The records so far completed have been brought only so far as the second battle of Ypres. Every effort is also being made to keep the British press informed as to the doings of the Canadian troops in the field, "publicity for Canada during this war being inseparably bound up with Canada's credit."

An official photographer, Capt. H. E. Knobel, has been appointed, and is now compiling full photographic records of all towns, positions, and trenches occupied by Canadian troops. Arrangements have also been completed for cinematograph operators to take films of the Canadian troops in the trenches and in action. These will be exhibited, not only in Canada, but in neutral countries throughout the world.

The Canadian representative also undertakes the circulation among the troops at the front and in England of a daily news bulletin from Canada. The Canadians are the only soldiers to enjoy such a special news service.