

**DEFINING
MOMENTS
CANADA**

**The CATHEDRAL
CHURCH
of ST. JAMES**

IMAGE: The Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Berkshire, England.
Courtesy The Canadian Red Cross Society.

**THE LAST
GREAT PLAGUE
THE STORY OF THE SPANISH FLU**

AN EXHIBIT IN THE CATHEDRAL

OPEN DAILY FROM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018, 9:00AM TO 5:00PM.
Location: St. James Cathedral, 106 King Street East, at the corner of Church Street, Toronto. Everyone welcome. Admission free. For further information or to book a tour, contact Nancy Mallett at 416-364-7865 or archives@stjamescathedral.ca.

stjamescathedral.ca/flu-exhibit

Poster shows the Canadian Red Cross Hospital in the converted tennis courts and bowling alley of the Cliveden Estate, Taplow, Berks. England, now a five star hotel and where Meghan stayed the night before her recent marriage to Prince Harry.

The picture was chosen as Dr. George Sterling Ryerson, founder of the Canadian Red Cross and responsible for the Canadian Red Cross hospitals overseas during WW I was a parishioner at St. James Cathedral, and the Commissioner of Supplies for those hospitals was the wife of our Dean, Adelaide Plumtre. An Emergency Centre was set up in what was then our Parish House, now the Cathedral Centre, where forty to fifty volunteers worked every day preparing supplies for shipment - including flu or pneumonia jackets made by volunteer women across the country. In a report of the Red Cross Group at St. Simon's Church, Toronto, they list having made 144 pneumonia jackets among other items needed to send overseas during the year from April 28, 1918 to March 3, 1919. When the flu hit Toronto, many of these were held back to share with those who at fallen ill here at home.

ST. SIMON'S RED CROSS WORK

From April 28th, 1918, to March 3rd, 1919, we have held 24 meetings, with an average attendance of 23. On account of the influenza, we were obliged to begin work later in the season than formerly. Without any solicitation the convener of work received from kind friends \$90.93, which included \$16.78 balance from the Woman's Guild.

We have made 388 sets pyjamas, 388 pieces, 290 khaki shirts, 52 hospital coats, 46 T. bandages, 35 trench caps, 82 pairs knitted socks, 194 bed socks, 132 property bags, 27 surgeons' gowns, 18 housewives, 52 amputation socks, 144 pneumonia jackets, 8 woolen caps, 7 babies' shirts, 7 babies' bonnets, 12 chemises, 73 petticoats, 12 barracoats, 42 nightgowns, 12 napkins, 13 pinafores, 48 cloth dresses, making a total of 2,082.

In 1915 the Woman's Guild sent 369 articles to the Secours Nationale, and 95 articles to families of the unemployed, making a total of 464.

In 1916, 6,000 articles were made, 34 meetings held, with an average attendance of 29.

In 1917, 2,347 articles were made, 35 meetings held, with an average attendance of 37.

In 1918, 3,432 articles were made, 46 meetings held, with an average attendance of 31.

In 1919, 2,082 articles were made, 24 meetings held, with an average attendance of 23.

Mrs. Burritt, with the help of about three