

who have discovered it return again and again.

This canteen has had an exceptional number of anonymous donors. Its minister, Mr. MacLean, has been an outstanding example of helpfulness, and while we were there was busy getting fuel for the stove, clad in overalls. On Sunday night on short notice he came into the hall and washed all the dishes in the biggest meal hour rush they had.

Here too the ladies were marvellous at the wonder of radio, for no sooner had an appeal gone out from CJOB for a wood range than a call came in within 15 minutes offering one. I liked the homely atmosphere of this small hall with its Sunday School tokens all around, and was especially amused by a half erased text on the blackboard which said:

*God sends His warm spring sun  
To melt the ice and snow . . .*

(and might have added,  
who knows . . .)

*To add water to our rivers  
And make them grow and grow.*

Although these were all the canteens we had time to visit, there are others that have done equally notable service in this dreadful emergency—and for Elmwood and East Kildonan—near catastrophe.

There is St. Stephen's on Helmsdale that was open for three or four days until its basement was flooded and all its supplies sent over to Prince Edward.

And the Washington Avenue Mission which, though not serving meals, proves the adage that those also serve who only stand and wait, for it is fully equipped as a dormitory for possible evacuees.

Then there was the private home known as the Riverton Avenue Canteen, and the Concordia Hospital under Red Cross supervision but staffed by volunteers and the regular hospital staff.

Moore's Barber Shop on Kelvin opened its doors and served hot meals, coffee and sandwiches from Mr. Moore's home in the rear of the shop. Also serviced from the Kelvin clubhouse.

The Legion Hall, Elmwood and East Kildonan branch, opened Sunday, the 7th, and was taken over by the Red Cross on Monday. Their supplies came from the Chalmers clubhouse in the vicinity, and services were dispensed by the Legion ladies' auxiliary who did not spare themselves, and the private home at 23 Talbot which did yeoman service for a week until closed last Sunday, and . . . and . . . and all those others who answered the alert, helping in whatever way they could, the supply column bringing up the rear, supporting their men in the surest and sanest possible way with good hot food. Yes, "Operation Roast Beef" has been a success in every sense of the word.