

ARMY'S HOSPITALS IN BRITAIN LAUDED

Pride in Work of Canadians
Is Voiced by Lt.-Col.
William V. Cone

NOW BACK IN MONTREAL

Chief Neurosurgeon of No. 1
Hospital Says High Med-
ical Standard Being
Reached

Great enthusiasm for the military hospital organization in England and deep pride in the work that is being done overseas by Canadian men and women of the medical profession was expressed by Lt.-Col. William V. Cone, chief neurosurgeon of No. 1 Neurological Hospital, on his return to Montreal yesterday.

Among the first Canadian medical men to go overseas, Col. Cone left Montreal in May, 1940, with Col. Colin K. Russel, with whom he had been associated at the Montreal Neurological Institute before enlistment, to lay the groundwork for No. 1 Neurological Hospital. Col. Russel, who was in charge of neurology at the overseas unit where his confrere took charge of neurosurgery, has since been promoted to Canadian Military Headquarters in London as consultant to all the Dominion's neurological hospitals in Britain.

Describing the entire army hos-



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pital organization in England as "really wonderful," Col. Cone said Canadian hospital units overseas, and their staffs, had contributed much to the development of a high standard of war hospitalization, and that their work could be ranked with the best that is being done.

His pride in Canadian hospital work on the war-front was matched only by his enthusiasm for the general medical organization that is "being taken care of by the best medical minds in England."

HIGH STANDARD SET UP

Excellent progress had been made, he said, in the constant effort to bring the best in modern medicine to the military front, and in bringing the standard of military hospitalization up to the splendid level of civilian hospitals.

While he declined to discuss the various problems that are under constant study of the Medical Research Council in England—a body he praised highly—or to speak of any particular phase of the medical work that is being carried on, the Montreal neurosurgeon was not silent when questioned on the morale of the British people.

"I tell you," he said, "that they are a wonderful example of what we can expect of the right kind of human being. Even in the most trying days of the blitz period over England, there was no hysteria and no complaining. Bombed out one day, the people just returned to their daily duties the next, as if nothing had happened."

Of the mission which brought him back to Canada, after some 18 months in the Mother Country, Col. Cone would say nothing. It was understood, however, that he is to report findings on certain medical problems to military authorities at Ottawa.

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