

NEW CHEVRONS CLUB OPENED

GOOD WISHES FROM THE KING AND QUEEN

The following message from the King and Queen was read at the opening by the Duke of Kent yesterday of the new premises of the Chevrons Club at Pont Street, Knightsbridge:—"Their Majesties send their best wishes for the welfare of the club in its new home."

The King is patron of the club, which was founded during the last War by Major C. S. Goldman, the present chairman, as a home for non-commissioned ranks of the Forces. The former premises at St. George's Square, Victoria, were destroyed in October, 1940, by a bomb.

The DUKE of KENT said that non-commissioned officers formed the backbone of the fighting Services, and they were often called upon to undertake exacting tasks. His work enabled him to hear of many of the feats of gallantry and endurance which could never be made public. He personally thanked the n.c.o.s.

Mr. VINCENT MASSEY, High Commissioner for Canada, said that he had just received a cheque for £90 collected by Old Crow Indians living well within the Arctic Circle on behalf of London children orphaned or made homeless by air raids. The money, tied in a handkerchief, was handed over at a Canadian Mounted Police post by the Indians' chief.