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ELECTION OF SOLDIERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO PARLIAMENT

Last week saw the casting of ballots for two soldiers' representatives in each of the Provincial Parliaments and some close contests are anticipated. Deputy returns officers had been appointed in every battalion in France, at each training camp in England, and at the headquarters of each new battalion being raised in Canada. Every member of the Canadian forces who had resided in a Province for six months prior to enlistment was entitled to cast a vote for two candidates in his province and to judge from the keen interest manifested in the last few hours of the allotted time few of the men in uniform failed to vote.

Alberta led the way, so far as we have been able to learn, both in the number of candidates for office and the enthusiasm of the election. In all 21 men had been nominated, most of whom claim the north central and northern part of the Province as their homes. Five of the total are, or have recently been in this camp, and local interest naturally centers about them. One of this number, Capt. L. Asquith, is a former member of this unit, having been taken on the strength of the reserve when his old battalion, the Lethbridge Highlanders, were absorbed. The other four are C. S. M. Bateson, of Mere Beck; Capt. Calderon, of Edmonton; COMS Frost, of Calgary; Lt.-Col. Hewgill, of Edmonton.

It will be at least two months for the results to be determined. Returns from this side will be made through Commissioner Reid, the Provincial Representative for Alberta in England, who will also handle the returns for Saskatchewan troops. This additional work is taxing his meagre staff to the utmost and will delay the returns to a great extent.

The Clansman is making arrangements to publish the winners in each Province at the earliest possible date. Progress of the count will be announced as fast as it may be learned.

CANADIANS WIN HONORS AT THE BIG ALDERSHOT COMMAND SPORTS

Once more the Canadian soldier-athlete has come to the front and walked away with the heavy percentage of honours in one of the big sporting meetings. At the Aldershot Command Sports held last week they scored sixteen places, a total of three more than all other entries combined. The decided successes of the Maple Leaf caused one of the largest papers in England to remark, "Canadian successes were features of the day."

The winners, several of whom are now stationed in this camp, are as follows:

100 yards—Sergt. Schafer, Sergt. Haley, Sergt. Ellis, Sergt. Bateman. Won easily in 10 2/5 seconds.

880 yards—L/Cprl. McNevin, Driver Holmes, C. F. A., Sgt. Barnewell, R. E., Sergt. Neilson, S. Africans. Won by a foot in 2min. 10 sec.

High jump—L/Cprl. Grindley, London Reserve, Lieut. Jardine.

Half mile relay, under 19—L. R. B., Middlesex T. R. Bn., Essex T. R. Bn.

440 yards—Gnr. Blades, S/Sergt. E. W. Haley, RFA, Gnr. McVarney. Won by two yards. 53 3/5 seconds.

Mile—L/Cprl. McNevin, A. M. Chapman, RFC, Lt. Edwards, Reserve Dragoons.

220 yards, open—Cprl. Donaldson, Manchester Regiment, Sergt. Schafer. 23 3/5s.

Mile, open—Gunner Phillips, Sergt. Blakeman, Beds Regt., Lieut. Collenette, R FC., time 4m 42 4/5s.

Five mile team race—Pte. Thomas, AS C., Sergt. Wright, Sher. For., Pte. Davies, MGC., Pte. Bush, 9th London Res. Team placings—Sherwood F, GMC., Cav., 6th Res Bn. London.

Mile relay—Canadian HQ, Manchester Regt., Worcesters.

120 yards hurdles—Cadet Phillips, RFC
Tug of War—Canadian Army Service Corps.

Mile cycle race—Sgt. Richardson, 10th London Regiment.

Lady Hunter distributed the prizes.