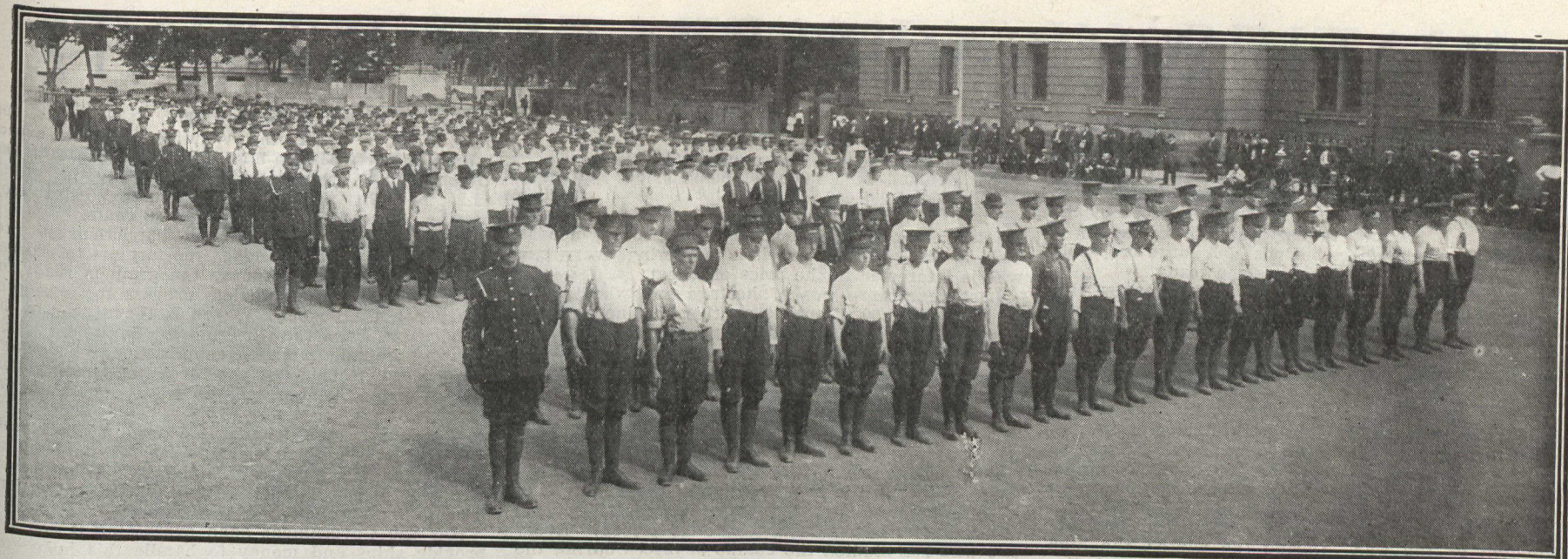




A NEW REGIMENT LINED UP IN A FEW WEEKS.
Drill Muster of the 9th Mississauga Horse after their cyclone methods in recruiting had broken all regimental records in Toronto.

A REGIMENT WHICH DID ITS BIT

By NORMAN PATTERSON

AMONG the most surprising events in the whole recruiting campaign, now beginning to be a real movement in Canada, is the work recently accomplished by the 9th Mississauga Horse, of Toronto. Within three weeks this cavalry regiment succeeded in enrolling 1,100 new infantry recruits without guaranteeing a mount for any man.



Lieut.-Col. Beckett, commanding the 75th, recruited from the 9th Mississauga Horse.

The Ninth Horse came into existence in 1902, under the name of the Toronto Mounted Rifles, at a time when as a result of the South African campaign, many military experts considered that mounted troops would play a more and more important part in the wars of the future. The moving spirit in the new regiment was the late Col. Peters,

They left far behind the best efforts of older and better known regiments. They hitched up enthusiasm to practical methods never before known in that part of Canada at least. And it was all done by the second youngest regiment in Toronto, whose numerical strength was only about one-third of an infantry regiment.

Not content with that, the officers under Major J. H. Moss, now the commanding officer, are recruiting the regiment up to full strength again and are prepared to supply another regiment later on if one should be required. They are meeting with great and almost unparalleled success.

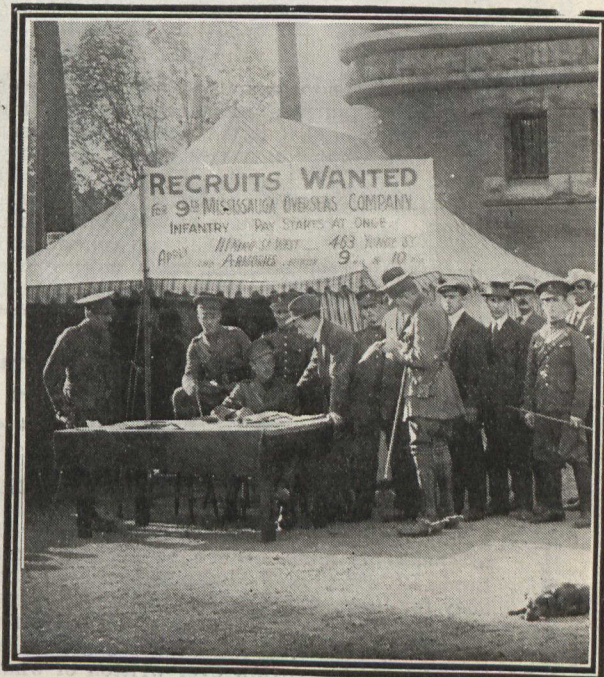
a remarkable surgeon and an accomplished soldier. When he took command of the Toronto Mounted Rifles, he had as his two squadron majors two young men who are now among the most distinguished legal lights of the city, Mr. D. L. McCarthy, K.C., and Mr. John H. Moss, K.C. In 1904 the name of the regiment was changed to the Toronto Light Horse and two new squadrons added, commanded by Major S. G. Beckett, who left the 36th Peel Regiment, and Major H. D. Lockhart Gordon. Major Ross dropped out, and his squadron, having been disbanded, was replaced by a new squadron recruited at Barrie under Major Frank Burton. In 1905, after the death of Col. Peters, Col. Chadwick, who, like his partner, Major Beckett, had been with the 36th Peel, took command and the regimental name was changed to the Ninth Mississauga Horse. Major H. D. Lockhart Gordon became Colonel at the expiration of Col. Chadwick's tenure, and under his command the three outside squadrons were transferred to Toronto.

THE 9th Horse, not having been in existence at the time of the Boer War, had never had a chance to show what the regiment could do on active service. In camp the Mississaugas soon acquired a reputation as a keen, enterprising regiment, strong in discipline and efficiency.

When the war broke out a large proportion of both men and officers discarded spurs and leggings and joined as infantry. Among the officers whom the Ninth Horse contributed at this time were Capt. Gordon and Lieut. Klotz, both of whom were killed at Langemark. Another officer who joined the first contingent was Capt. Cosgrave, who enlisted in the 9th Field Battery and was mentioned in orders a few weeks ago for conspicuous bravery.

When the second contingent was called, Col. Gordon was given the command of a squadron of the 4th Mounted Rifles and took with him part of the regiment. Major Beckett succeeded him. When the

third contingent was mobilized everything had to be done over again. It was done with a bang. When orders were received for the organization of the 75th Battalion, with Major Beckett as C. O., the 9th Horse



Lieut.-Col. Beckett clenching another recruit at the recruiting office outside the Toronto Armouries.

were asked to supply only 99 men. The officers held a meeting and started out to show what they could do. They opened recruiting offices, and went at their unusual task with a vim which brought success.



OFFICERS OF THE 9TH M. H., WHO HELPED RECRUIT THE 75TH BATTALION.

Left to right: Lieutenant J. M. Langstaff, Capt. D. F. Keith, Lieutenants LeG. Reed, A. Poupore, H. J. Burden, A. B. Lindsay, F. C. Howard, W. H. Clarkson, R. D. Galbraith, J. P. R. Whittle, A. Milne, E. R. Kappele.