

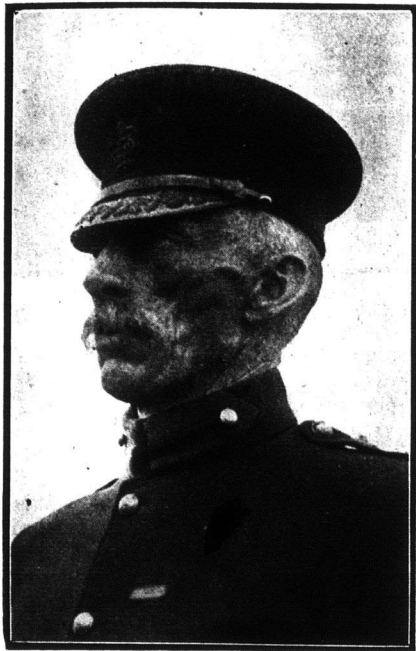
## Calgary Military Camp

**G**REAT interest is taken every year in the Calgary military camp as it is there that the finest rough-riders in the whole dominion are trained for military service. This year over 2,500 men and 1,500 horses were under canvas and every branch of the militia service was represented. This splendid

Hughes, Minister of Militia, accompanied by a brilliant staff of officers. Rain was threatening all morning while the troops were under review, but it kept off till a sham fight had almost been completed. Despite the trying conditions the officers and men carried out the attack in splendid style and at the conclusion of the manoeuvres General Sir Ian Hamilton addressed the officers of the various units. In a few words he complimented Colonel E. A. Cruikshank, the camp commandant, and expressed great satisfaction with all he had seen. "All ranks looked the stamp of men who would prove very valuable on active service," he said, "and while the horses are smaller than those used by Imperial yeomanry, they are active, useful and the type which would stick it through all privations during a hard campaign."

When Colonel Sam Hughes was called on for a speech he expressed great pleasure at seeing the western cavalry and other units in such splendid shape. "I am proud of the boys," he said, and personally complimented the staff officers of the camp on everything under their charge.

The camp is situated within easy distance of the City of Calgary and thousands of visitors inspected the work done every day when the weather permitted. A military camp on such a large scale provides a fund of interest to the civilian, and as the work is done under active service conditions, it proves most instructive. Huge bake ovens, where over 2,000 loaves of bread are baked daily, may be seen at one end of the camp and the Army Service corps men are always willing to allow visitors to inspect the tents where the dough is



Col. Cruikshank, Commanding Camp

turnout is remarkable as a proof of the rapid settlement in the west and it is worthy of thought that so many men fully equipped and well mounted are trained annually on a camping ground which only a decade ago was considered an open range for cattle.



Col. Cruikshank and officers at Church Parade

Elaborate arrangements had been made for a sham fight and attack on the city, but torrents of rain which lasted four days completely spoiled the camp and deprived officers and men of this, the most instructive and interesting manoeuvre. The rain put a dampening influence on all and during the last two days the training grounds were converted into veritable quagmires. On Wednesday, June 25th, the men were inspected and reviewed by General Sir Ian Hamilton and Colonel the Hon. Sam

worked. This feature proved a great attraction to the fair sex. No less than thirteen barrels of flour were converted into bread every day and the food consumed in camp every day weighed the remarkable total of six tons, while the horses accounted for 28,500 pounds of hay and 412 bushels of oats every day.

The most interesting unit probably was the 25th battery of Field Artillery from Lethbridge, with its four rapid-firing guns, 100 officers and men and 102 horses. This battery is in splendid



Church Parade at Calgary Military Camp. Rev. C. Carrauthers preaching

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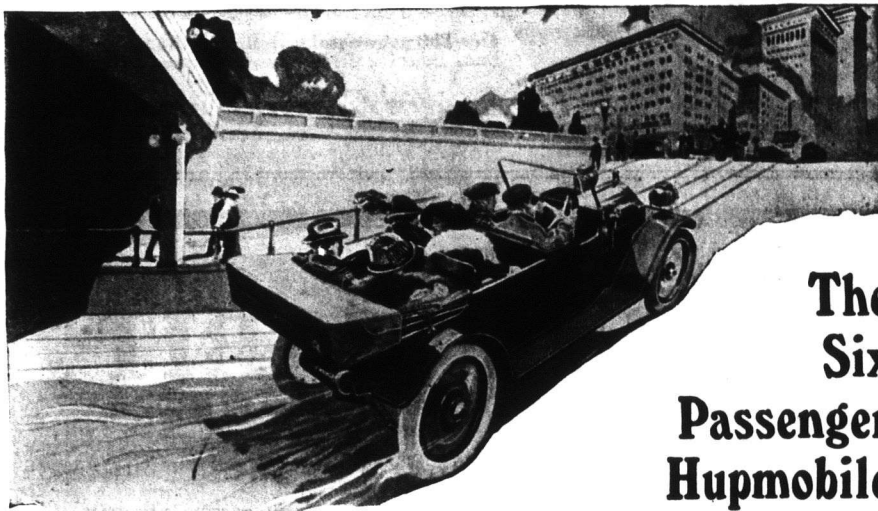
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