organization of the two infantry bat

French-Canadian residents of Quebec

Ontarians Grasp Essentials.

All the men from Ontario, with the

exception of the 48th Highlanders of

Toronto, were engaged yesterday in a sham battle, and so well were the

tactical exercises carried out that

brigade, declared that the Ontario

boys had shown a better grasp of the

essentials than any of the troops that

officers directing the manoeuvres were Colonel Mercer and Colonel

Two More Y. M. C. A. Men

making a total of six. The names of

those previously appointed have al-

ready been announced. Two Toronto

The Y. M. C. A. has been granted

rmission to send two more workers the front with the first contingent

Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

THE COURIER



Saturday, September 19, 1914

THE SITUATION.

The present big battle is a draw at The average condition of the prinmuch consolation in the situation,
however, that what was to be an allconquering German host has been
halted and forced back. Their present
position, however, is a very strong position, however, is a very strong one, and their dislodgement will be a terrible task. In fact, it may be another case of Torres Vedras in the matter of time. The Courier from the first has sounded the note that there should not be too much early optimism in connection with this great war in connection with this great war. -the greatest in all history. There at the same date, and in the Northvery thorny road to travel. The to 30 points below last year. money end of it and the food end of it will more and more become the big factors as the time rolls on. With

CROP ESTIMATES.

liminary estimate of the yield of the bership of about 22,000 in the Provi principal cereal crops in Canada, ac- ince of Quebec, and a large number cording to reports of correspondents French reservists are included in this made at the end of August. Con- membership. It also transpires that tinued drought, especially in the there are many Russian and B Northwest provinces, has seriously af- reservists members of the Order fected the yield per acre, which is the Order has extended the privileges lower than that of any year since 1910, granted not only to those who are and lower than the average of the six serving with Great Britain, but also years ended 1913. From the areas to those who are serving with an sown to wheat, oats, barley and flax Great Britain's Allies. in the Northwest provinces it has been necessary, in estimating the of its members, the Society has also yields, to deduct a considerable acre- made a grant of \$1,000.00 to the Canaage which, owing to drought, is re- dian Patriotic Fund. ported as failing to produce any grain. For the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the areas thus deducted amount to 728,100 acres of wheat, 753,000 acres of oats, 102,000 acres of barley and 79,000 acres of Germans Three Miles Away flax, these areas representing percent ages of the areas sown of from 3 to 71/2 in Manitoba, 7 to 13 in Saskatchewan, and 7 to 151/2 in Alberta.

For all Canada the yield per acre for spring wheat is just under 15 bushels, as compared with 20.81 bushels last year and with 19.2 bushels, the average of the four years 1910-13; for oats the yield is 32.5 bushels against 38.7 last year and 36.3 the four-year average; for barley 24.7 in 1914, compared with 29.9 and 28.5; for rye 18 against 19.3 and 17.8, and for flax 8.3 against 11.3 and 11.5.

Upon the harvested area of wheat in Canada of 10,293,900 acres, including fall wheat, the aggregate yield is estimated at 159,660,000 bushels, as compared with last year's excellent outturn of 231,717,000 bushels and with 204,712,000 bushels, the annual average for the four years 1910-13. Of oats the estimate is for 327,732,000 bushels against 404,669,000 bushels last year and 351,246,000 bushels the four-year average. Barley is estimated to yield 37,014,000 bushels, compared with 48, 319,000 bushels in 1913 and 42,745,000 bushels, the annual average; rye, 2,-019,000 bushels against 2,300,000 bushels and 2,189,000 bushels, and flaxseed 9,042,000 bushels, compared with 7,-539,000 bushels last year and 14,497,000 bushels, the annual average for the

For the three Northwest provinces alone the total estimated yields are as follows: Wheat, including fall than held its own wheat, 139,672,000 bushels; rye, 515,-000 bushels; oats, 160,796,000 bushels; barley, 20,320,000 bushels, and flaxseed

Describing generally the conditions of the month of August, correspondof the month of August, correspond-ents state that owing to the dryness German vessel."

earlier than usual, with the straw short and the yield much shrunken. In Northern Saskatchewan the grain was practically all cut and threshing well under way. In Northern Alberta the yield promised to equal the aver-Whilst in Quebec and Ontario the season, the conditions have not been so unfavorable as in the west. In Ontario the grain yield is not greatly below that of 1913, and in Quebec the vield of oats is even superior. In the Maritime provinces the season is favorable, and the preliminary estimates last advices. Both sides are fighting give yields superior to those of last

LIBERAL TREATMENT.

The Canadian Order of Foresters regard to the former item, the London has taken a most liberal position in Economist recently figured it out that connection with the Insurance of three, as orginally proposed. The two new battalions will be known as a day, or \$8,212,500,000 for a year. listed for active service in the present the 17th and 18th, and will be com-Expenses since that estimate have war. In another column will be found manded gone up very much more. John Bull a notice that the insurance of all the can stand the pace financially very members of this Order admitted prior much longer thna either of the rest or to the 1st of August last, will be good, all of them, but Germany, after the notwithstanding that they may serve first hundred millions, will be very in the armies of Britain and of her hard put to it. Moreover, in Great Allies. In addition to all this, the Britain the wheels of industry con- Society has undertaken to pay the Britain the wheels of industry con-tinue to revolve and the fields to be Insurance and Sick and Funeral Bene-letcting them has been no light one, tilled, whereas in the land of the fit premiums of all those members as more than twice the number re-Kaiser the industries are paralyzed, who serve, out of the funds of the and the tillers of the soil are practi- Society, and this provision is not by way of a loan, and is not a charge on interesting statement that the Can-Austria as a factor is getting to be the policies, but is a bonus or gift to more and more out of it, while all the those members who serve. This is signs indicate that the people of Italy perhaps the most advanced position not be split up and brigaded with Im- the sextette. are just spoiling to get their coats off. so far taken by any Insurance Commore than 90,000, and a large numb of its members have enlisted for ser A bulletin issued by the Census and vice in the Canadian contingent nov Statistics Office gives the usual pre- at Valcartier. The Society has a mer-

In addition to this liberal treatment

Throw Shells Into the Town.

LONDON, Sept. 19—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail describing the great battle, says: "The Germans have held their ground three days their heaviest guns hidden in the woods, and the French artillery has not yet obtained a mastery of fire over them.

tained a mastery of fire over them.

"The German infantry is entrenched along the edges of woods in which the batteries are concealed. It is being attacked alternately by artillery fire and by infantry assaults, the French charges being driven home right into the heart of the woods.

"At night the Germans make counter atacks but these have always been repulsed.

"The stronghold of the German position is the height of Nogent L'Abbesse, three miles due east of Rheims. There the Germans occupy the site of what used to be the forts of Rheims and from there they are bombarding the town of Rheims, which was on fire in eight different places at four o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, when I came down from the tower of the cathedral from which I had been watching the fierce battle since morning."

LONDON Sept. 19—Earl Durham eceived a letter on Friday from his received a letter on Friday from his brother who is on General French's staff. The letter, written two days

CARRIED WRONG FLAG. PARIS Sept. 18—A Marseilles despatch to the Havas Agency says:
"A French crew brought into port yesterday a cargo boat that had just seen captured in the Mediterranean. The ship flew the Roumanian flag when captured but in reality is

grain crops have suffered from a dry Ten Thousand Men to Remain as Nucleus of Second-Mobilization of Another Contingent Likely to Follow Shortly After Departure of First.

VALCARTIER CAMP, Que., Sept perial forces, as was supposed some 18.—Twenty-five thousand men will time ago. The average condition of the prin- go with the first contingent of the The two cavalry regiments,

ism in connection with this great war or 12 points below those of last year which will be concentrated at Valthat provision has been made for the cartier camp, weather permitting. Col. Hughes states that a school of inere that is reached the Allies have a very thorny road to travel. The condition of wheat, and barley ranges from about 20 tablished here at once, so that those officers who are from the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are from the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are from the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are from the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are from the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are for the condition of wheat, instruction for officers would be established here at once, so that those officers who are for the condition of the con Province. officers who are "not up to the mark' would be able to qualify in time for the second contingent.

Two More Infantry Battalions The officers decided yesterday form two more battalions of infantry. This means five brigades, instead nanded provisionally by Colonel clegg of Peterboro.' Ont., Colonel have been engaged in sham fights during the last few days. The chief Colonel Leech of Winnipeg.

Rennie of the Queen's Own, Toronto, and Colonel Fred Hill of the 44th. Officers Appointed to Command The officers who will have comnand of the first contingent have all een appointed, subject to slight rerisions, and their names will be anquired came forward. Will Preserve Identity

The Minister of Militia made the nteresting statement that the Candian troops would preserve their Oscar Irving, who has been engaged

AUSTRIANS FORTIFIED LONDON Sept. 19.—A despatch from Rome to the Ex-

change Telegraph Company says:
"Despatches from Vienna state "Despatches from Vienna state that the Austrians on Friday fortified an extended new defensive front which will reach to Cracow. General Bovcerigz will command the right wing with his center resting at Przemysl, the center will be commanded by General Von Auffenberg with Tarnow as his base, and the left wing will be commanded by General Dankl with the Germans supporting his extreme left. "The entire Russian left wing, under command of Generals Ruszky and Brussiloff,

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1. The Insurance and Sick and Funeral Benefits of all members admitted to the Order prior to August 1, 1914, will be good and valid, notwithstanding that they serve in the armies or navies of Great Britain or of any of Britain's allies in the present

2. The Insurance and Sick and Funeral Benefit premiums or assessments of those members admitted prior to August 1, 1914, serving as aforesaid, will, during the war, or for one year, should the war last longer, be paid out of the General Fund of High Court.

3. This provision for the payment of premiums or assessments is not by way of loan, and will not be a charge

on the policy. It is a gift or bonus to those who take up arms in defence of the Empire in the present crisis.

4. If the war should last longer than one year, we hope to be able to renew this bonus.

5. We have extended these provisions to those who may serve in the armies or navies of Britain's allies, for the reason that many of our members are French Reservists, and some are Reservists of Belgium and Russia, and we feel that all are fighting in defence of the British Empire.

Notice should be given by or on behalf of members affected to the offi-cers of the Subordinate Courts in which they hold membership.

J. A. STEWART, High Chief Ranger

They have always hated the Austrians, and would dearly love to have a hand in their humiliation. The Canadian Order of Foresters is a purely Canadian Society, with a membership of

Famous Regiments Suffer Unflinchingly in Slow Progress Against Germans' Stubborn Defences.

ON THE BATTLE FRONT, via Paris, Sept. 18 .- The fighting in the great battle now in progress does not consist of one susstained and combined movement, but in realty of several combats proceeding incessantly at the strongest points of the German defending line along the River

Each encounter however, influences the execution of the gen-eral idea of the commander-inchief of the allied army. Attacks and counter-attacks follow one

and counter-attacks follow one another in rapid succession every hour out of the twenty-four.

During the course of the night of Sept. 15-16 the Germans attempted a formidable movement in the western sphere, but were met by the French and British with courage that was simply marvelous against overwhelming odds. The Germans returned to the atack no fewer than ten times with marvelous tenacity and intrepidity, but were unable to break through the firm line presented by the alies' infantry. Violent Fight at Dawn.

The fight just before day-break was the most violent of all The Germans appeared to throw nto the charge all that remained of their energy, but were rolled back with enormous losses. Be-fore retiring behind their big guns they sacrificed many of their number, displaying resolution which approached desperation. A vigorous counter-attack from the allies ensued, during which a small extent of ground was gain-

Last night was relatively calm along the front, but to-day the

fighting became more furious than ever. During the darkness operations are rendered difficult owing to the reluctance of the opcommanders to use searchlights, which might expose

their position.

After this stage of the fight was concluded the Germans appeared to retire about seven miles. During the stage of the fight was concluded to retire about seven miles. ing the combat the adversaries in many instances came to hand-to-hand clashes, and the bayonet was extensively used. The carnage was terrifying, but the troops of both armies appear to have been hardened to such scenes and they tought with indomitable coolness, despite the heaviness of the loss-The allies' aviators apparently

discovered the placements of some big German guns, notwith standing the cleverness with which they were hidden, beneath an earthen covering strewn with the branches of trees. The allies' artillery opened a concentrated fire on a certain portion of the line and the heavy German artillery shortly afterwards lapsed into silence at that spot, although it is not known whether they were rendered impotent or were merely effecting a change of position owing to their former emplace-ment having become untenable. LLIES PURSUE ADVANTAGES

It is impossible to learn from It is impossible to learn from any one portion of the line what is occurring at other places, but an inclination to recede slightly seemed evident on the German side, although they offered the most obstinate resistance and fought as though made of iron. fought as though made of iron. The allies at the same time doggedly pursued the small advan-tage they gained, and kept at the

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LOCAL N

Rev. Mr. Woodside of Zion church has been invited to address "The World's Purity Federation Congress," which meets in Kahsas City in No-

Choir Supper.

The members of Wellington St. Choir held a very enjoyable Pork and Bean Supper last evening. After supper Mr. Thomas Darwen presented Mr. W. L. Moyer with the prize for the best attendance during the year. Out of 141 services and practices Mr. Moyer was present at 139. Moyer was present at 139.

through the notice while peared in The Courier stating tha utant Hargrove had several cor petent men upon whom he could rely to do any odd job that should come along. The adjutant is mindful that he has a number of good reliable men and would be pleased to hear from any one desiring any urther from any one desiring any nelp whatsoever.

Battery Drill. The usual parade of the 32nd Battery was held last night when five new members were added to the strength. Section drill under Capt. Henderson and Lieut. Kellett was held, while Col. Ashton assumed charge of the battery drill. Col. charge of the battery Logie, commander of the 13th Bri-gade, C. F. A., was present, and gave a lecture on gunnery. Recruit classes will be held next Wednesday.

A Corn Roast.

The employees of the Dressmaking Department of E. B. Crompton Co. and their friends were most hospitand their friends were most hospitably entertained to a super at Hickory Lodge, Echo Place, on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Virgie Lamb, who is leaving this city for Toledo, Ohio. After all had partaken of the luxuries provided, Miss Lamb was presented with a handsome dresser set by the girls of the Depart ment. While all were sitting arounthe huge camp fire the members of the L. A. L. Club and their escoris numbering about thirty five present tertained the bunch to a corn roast. After music and singing by all present the club presented Miss Virgie with a beautiful silver card tray. One of the gentlemen, on behalf Lamb, responded very fittingly. ter thanking the host and hostess the most enjoyable evening spent th party returned to the city on

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