

## GENERAL HOARE AT THE HEAD

Lt.-Col. C. G. Hoare of the Imperial Royal Flying Corps and a staff of officers were sent to Canada by the British War Office to organize a Canadian Flying Corps Division, with headquarters established in Toronto. In consequence of the rapid growth of the Canadian aviation work it was recognized by the Imperial authorities promoting Col. Hoare to the rank of General.

### SPENT TEN MILLION

Ten million dollars has been expended by the British Government for the establishment of the aviation plants and training grounds in Canada, practically all being within the Toronto District Royal Flying Corps area. Five great aviation training camps and one very large airplane factory were in full operation in Toronto District by the end of 1917, and within a few weeks the sixth training camp will be completed. It is at Beamsville.

## GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

### STARTED IN FLANDERS

ONE of the City of Toronto's most rapidly growing organizations is the Great War Veterans' Association. It has 3,400 Toronto members. Three thousand of them were enrolled during the year 1917. To go back to the beginnings of the Great War Veterans' Association it is necessary to go to Flanders, for it was on the Canadian fighting line in Belgium that the idea of forming such an association was first thought of. It was after one of the biggest battles on the Canadian front at St. Eloi, in which some of the Ontario battalions suffered exceptionally heavy losses, that the idea was broached of forming an organization of war-veterans, for "comradeship" of those who had survived the battle of that day. Of course, since that time the association has added to its objects those of mutual assistance, and of being a club to stand strongly behind the dependents of the brave men who "Went West" and see that they were aided in every possible way.

### FIRST LOCAL MEETING

When first organized in Toronto the war-veterans' club was named the Returned Soldiers' Association. It was established at a meeting of returned soldiers held in St. John's Church, Portland Street, on May 22, 1916. Provisional officers were appointed as follows:—President, Regt. Sergt.-Major W. Rowe Whitton, W.O., 20th Bat-