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CENTRAL ONTARIO REGI-MENT MAKES A HIT IN ST. JOHNS.

On Monday morning, April 1st, four hundred men and eleven officers of the 1st Depot Battalion 2nd C.O.R. Hamilton, arrived in the historic town of St. Johns to spend a few days as 'guests' of M.D. No. 4. Prior to their arrival much had appeared in certain alleged newspapers concerning the unwisdom of transferring Ontario units to the Province of Quebec. The reception accorded the men of the C.O.R., once and for all gave the lie to any such nonsense, so far at least, as St. Johns is concerned.

The men detrained expeditiously and, without delay, marched off to the quarters that had been assigned to them in the "Vinegar Factory" Barracks, formerly occupied by the Polish troops. As they swung along Champlain St. it was difficult to believe that they had been in uniform for only a few weeks, and on all sides along the route of march, favorable comment was heard.

During their stay in St. Johns the regular fourteen week syllabus of training is being energetically carried on. All ranks have taken kindly to their new surroundings and many new acquaintances have already been established with the town folk, though it must be confessed that the French spoken by the Ontario men still shows an English accent. Meanwhile all look forward to proceeding overseas as soon as circumstances may permit.

Of the officers, nearly all have seen service in the Great War, and it is indeed a privilege to have such men with us for a time in St. Johns.

Major J. R. McGowan, who is in command, has a long and enviable record as a soldier. Nor is he a stranger to St. Johns where, fifteen years ago, he gave a course of instruction to the Permanent Force, then stationed at our Depot. Major McGowan was at one time attached to the 2nd Life Guards of the British Army, subsequently accepting a position with the Instructional Staff at Headquarters, Ottawa. In 1915 he went overseas as second in command with the 83rd Batttalion, Toronto, being afterwards transferred to the 12th Battalion as second in command and later still holding the position as Brigade Major, 1st Brigade. He also served on the Signalling Staff of General French's Cavalry Division. Major McGowan wears two medals and eight clasps.

Major J. Hyde Bennett, O.C. No. 1 Coy., is an old officer of the 12th Regiment, York Rangers. He first

saw service in France as a Lieutenant with the famous mad 4th Battalion, going over with the 1st Contingent in 1914. Wounded and gassed at the 2nd battle of Ypres, he was invalided to England. He again returned to France in 1916, being later on invalided to Canada for medical treatment.

Major P. C. Stanley, M.C., went overseas with the 75th Battalion Toronto in March 1916. He was first wounded at Ypres and later on at Vimy Ridge. At Vimy Ridge, March 1917, Major Stanley was awarded the Military Cross.

Capt. F. Pullen, Quartermaster, is an officer of the 20th Regt. Halton Rifles. For a time he acted as Quartermaster with the 213rd Battalion C.E.F.

Lieut. J. G. Church, Adjutant Halton Rifles, joined the Original Mad 4th as a private in August, 1914. He was wounded at the second battle of Ypres in April 1915 and received a commission in England in February 1917. Returning to France, he was again wounded at Paschendaele in November, 1917, and was subsequently invalided to Canada.

Lieut. E. D. Baldwin went overseas with the 98th Battalion in 1915. He was subsequently transferred to the 3rd Battalion and wounded at Fresnoy in May 1917. In January 1918 he was returned to Canada.

Lieut. W. C. Stovel is an officer of the 10th Regt. Toronto, but went overseas with the 123rd Battalion C.E.F. In January 1917 he returned to Canada but expects to return overseas shortly.

Lieut. D. H. Weir is an officer of the Dufferin Rifles Brantford, Ont., and joined the 215th Battalion C.E.F. in March 1916. In April 1917 he transferred to the 38th Battalion C.D.F. and leaves shortly for overseas. Mr. Weir is an old S. P. S. man having graduated in 1913.

Lieut. F. J. Schenck is an officer of the 13th Royal Regt. Mr. Schenck is no stranger to St. Johns having been here on a number of former occasions. He also expects to leave shortly for overseas.

Lieut. W. J. Crawford has served with the 2nd Regt. Q.O.R., with the 255th Battalion, and as Quartermaster with the 2nd Regt. C.D.F. He also expects to leave shortly for overseas.

Lieut. F. D. Marshall enlisted as a private in 1914 with the 31st Alberta Battalion, later receiving his commission in the field. Although he served for 14 months at the front, during which time he went "over the top four times" he has never been wounded.

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