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## VALCARTIER ORGANIZED SPLENDIDLY AS A CAMP

### Army of 30,000 Men There and Every Volunteer Has a Good Working Knowledge of Manoeuvres—Are Impatient to be Off.

VALCARTIER CAMP, Sept. 16.—With the organization of the camp of Canada's expeditionary force here in smooth working order there is little to mark one day from another. At 5.30 o'clock in the morning the reveille echoes and recruits down the lines, sounded by a hundred buglers; breakfast is soon disposed of and the daily round of practice at the rifle ranges or drill on the parade ground, as the case may be, begins. Valcartier is no longer a camp of individuals. It is the camp of an army of over 30,000 men, all wearing the same uniform and all animated by one purpose, to fight for their King and the integrity of the British Empire.

Every man is impatient to be away, yet each one realizes the importance of a thorough training and is working hard to this end. It may be said without exaggeration that every volunteer in camp has now mastered the rudiments of drill, and has a good working knowledge of the more advanced movements. It is the task of making them skilful marksmen that the authorities are now devoting their attention. Every day there are from twelve to fifteen thousand of them at the butts receiving instruction from Lieut.-Col. Helmer, director of musketry and his staff. Today there were 15,000 men out, and the allowance of ammunition was increased to twenty rounds per man. In other words 300,000 shots were fired.

The wisdom of Col. Hughes' policy of giving the force a thorough training in musketry is apparent. Its result is that not only individuals, but whole battalions are shooting accurately enough to make one of every two shots fired count. This has been proved again and again during the last few days. Col. Helmer has been keeping track of the best three scores in each battalion. It must be remembered that this shooting is done under conditions similar to those of active service. Col. M. C. Mercer of the Queen's Own Rifles, who commands the First Brigade, and is one of Col. Hughes' right-hand men, has been very busy lately whipping his Ontario troops into shape. He is fortunate enough to have in the ranks some of the hardest, healthiest young men in camp, with the result that the sick parades are but slimly attended. "The boys are all eager to be off," Colonel Mercer remarked yesterday, and there is keen competition among them for places in the first contingent.

The Duke's Criticism. Those who are left behind when the force sails than were shed when the whole force left home for camp. Just before leaving for Ottawa the Duke of Connaught called the officers who participated in the tactical manoeuvres, of which he was an interested spectator, together, and commended them on their work. His Royal Highness was a critical observer though, and pointed out several mistakes. For instance, he remarked that the attacking force had sent its artillery too far ahead of the infantry and had opened fire too soon, exposing the position. His Royal Highness also honored a young subaltern in charge of a machine gun section by congratulating him on the judgment he used in placing his gun, covering the retreat of his main body, and retiring before his position became untenable. The Duke remarked further that the morale of the troops was excellent, and he noticed that the rank and file were intelligent, using their own initiative to good advantage.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons and Strathcona Horse, the two cavalry regiments which are to go to the front as separate units not attached to the expeditionary force, are fast recruiting up to war strength. Cavalrymen who enlisted in the infantry units rather than be left at home are eager to join and the best of them are being enlisted. A number of the Body Guard of Toronto, have already been accepted, Lieut.-Col. Nelles, who will command the regiment, said yesterday that three squadrons and a Maimin gun section, comprising six hundred men would go with each regiment. The Dragoons already have all their horses and 450 men. Among those who have received transfers to the cavalry are Lieut. Roy Nordheimer of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, and Lt. Frank McCarthy of the Mississauga Horse.

Aeroplane for Camp. Col. Sam Hughes stated last night that an aeroplane for the use of the aviation corps would reach camp on Monday next. The services of Wm. F. Sharpe of Ottawa, an aviator who has been in connection with the United States army in San Diego, Col., have been accepted. Mr. Sharpe is a Canadian having been born at Prescott, Ont.

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### BURFORD

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The death of George Pite, took place at his home, King St. East, on Tuesday morning. Mr. Pite has been in failing health for a long time. During his residence in Burford, he has been closely connected with the public of the village. A few years ago he started Burford's live paper, the "Advance", but owing to ill-health, had to give it up after running it for two years. As editor of that paper he did considerable to arouse interest in various matters put forward by the Board of Trade. As Secretary of the Congregational Board of Trade, he did much to keep alive the interest and forward the work of that organization. The funeral, which is private, takes place at the Congregational Church cemetery on Thursday.

### BASEBALL

#### International League.

Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rochester	86	58	.597
Providence	86	58	.597
Boston	82	62	.569
Baltimore	72	67	.518
Toronto	69	66	.511
Newark	62	76	.448
Montreal	57	84	.404
Jersey City	56	92	.384

#### Buffalo at Toronto.

Rochester at Montreal.  
Baltimore at Providence.  
Newark at Jersey City.

#### National League.

Clubs	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	73	59	.553
Chicago	70	63	.523
St. Louis	62	69	.473
Pittsburg	62	69	.473
Philadelphia	59	72	.447
Cincinnati	56	75	.427

#### Thursday Games.

Buffalo at Toronto.  
Rochester at Montreal.  
Baltimore at Providence.  
Newark at Jersey City.

#### American League.

Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	87	47	.650
Boston	82	52	.612
Detroit	79	63	.558
Washington	68	62	.524
St. Louis	63	70	.474
St. Paul	60	70	.462
Cleveland	43	92	.319

#### Wednesday Scores.

Detroit..... 8 Cleveland..... 2  
St. Louis..... 2 Chicago..... 1

#### Thursday Games.

New York at Chicago.  
Philadelphia at Detroit.  
Boston at Cleveland.  
Washington at St. Louis.

#### Federal League.

Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	75	59	.560
Indianapolis	72	59	.549
Baltimore	70	60	.538
Brooklyn	67	63	.515
Buffalo	67	63	.515
Kansas City	62	70	.470
St. Paul	58	73	.442
Pittsburg	53	77	.403

day. Deceased was in his 44th year. A poultry house is being erected on the Agricultural grounds and will be ready by Fair time.

Mr. G. A. Ausleybrooke is erecting a storehouse for evaporated apples on the property in connection with the evaporator. The evaporator itself has been considerably improved.

Mr. George Charles has purchased an auto. Mr. Peter Gorry has secured a situation in Hamilton and moved there this week.

Mr. Arthur Wedge of Woodstock is visiting at his parental home. George Everett, Jr., has rented Mr. T. S. Rutherford's house now occupied by Mr. G. Fowler. Mr. Fowler intends moving into his house in about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Midge have been enjoying a visit from their daughter in Chicago. Miss L. Elvidge has accepted a position in the office at the station, taking the place of Miss G. Poole, who goes to the office of the Burford Coal & Grain Co.

Miss Constance Temple left last week to attend the Bishop Strachan School, Toronto. Chas. and Dick Saunders left last week to attend school in Hamilton.

The death of Peter Griffin, formerly a resident of Burford, occurred recently at Simcoe. He was 70 years old. Burford stockmen are doing extra well at Toronto and London fairs.

Mr. George Grigg has opened out a harness and shoe repair shop at his home on Alexander street. Dr. Holloway, chiropractor of Simcoe, has decided to visit Burford every day except Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, who have been ill with typhoid fever, are improving. Miss L. Creighton has taken a position in Paris. Mr. John Charles has rented one

of the stores in the Hunt building and will open out a grocery.

### IN HEADLONG FLIGHT

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A Petrograd despatch to The Daily Telegraph, says: "The news of the Russian victories say correspondents at the front have caused a headlong flight among the Germans in the districts of Czenstochova, Klobucko, Sieradz, and Kalisz, Russian Poland. Long transports of munitions and stores are moving and every day loaded trains leave Czenstochova for Kreuzburg, Silesia. Russian patrols are constantly widening their radius of action. The inhabitants of Zedunskowia, southeast of Kalisz, have been given notice to evacuate the town in three days as it is to be fortified. A special train is being provided for those who wish to go to Germany."

### LIEGE ABANDONED

LONDON, Sept. 17.—8.17 am.—A Rome despatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company states that it is officially admitted in Berlin that the Germans have abandoned Liege.

### SUMMONED TO HELP

COPENHAGEN, via London, Sept. 17.—2.30 a.m.—General Von Hindenberg, who has been directing the German forces in East Prussia, has been urgently summoned from East Prussia to take command of a division in the Western area, according to a message received here from Stockholm.

A commission of five representatives of the Provincial Government and the municipalities concerned will supervise the construction of the proposed Toronto-Hamilton concrete highway.

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### KITCHENER NOT

### Woman Friend Paints Green

Mrs. J. S. Erskine, widow of former captain of the 10th Royal Hussars, who was for a time attached to the staff of Lord Kitchener now English War Secretary, has given an interview in which she discusses the chief of the English War Department at short range.

Long before Mrs. Erskine met the army officer who eventually became her husband she knew Kitchener at that time attached to the Engineering Corps—and has continued the acquaintance since. At the first meeting she was a lass of a in short skirts and blouse. To-day she is the neighborhood of 40 and is residing temporarily in New York.

"You have seen a great deal of him, showing the austere side of the great man's character, but very little relating to the human side, and the human side is very strongly developed in Lord Kitchener," she said. "Then, you have seen him described as a woman hater, but he is far from that, although he has never married. He holds that a very strongly developed sense of duty is the best serve his country by remaining single; that his chief duty is to his King."

"I was at the engineering department at Woolwich with my parents when I first saw the then engineer, Kitchener. He was most shy and diffident, but I wasn't. In truth, I was just the opposite, and probably that is the reason we became fast friends. "Even now I can remember how he started when I asked him to please listen my garter. He did, but he blushed. Not long after that when he was called to Egypt he gave me a doll and I treasured it many years."

Mrs. Erskine told how, when she was 8, or 9, Kitchener returned home and renewed the acquaintance, telling her all about the Sudan and teaching her French. Next time she saw him she had reached the marriage age of 19, and was in love with Col. Erskine of his staff.

It was then she learned of his rejection to the marriage of army officers. He was Sirdar of the Anglo-Egyptian army then, and England was beginning to take some notice of him.

"When my husband's leave of absence expired I went to Algeria to meet him," said Mrs. Erskine. "There got a better idea of Kitchener in the field. I remember one day distinctly. The Sirdar wanted certain modern make of gun and specified in a requisition sent to War Office. In due time he received a reply saying the government would send a different make. Immediately he returned the order across which he had written. "You may keep your guns—I can then stand at the head of the column. It is needless to say he received the weapons he desired."

"I was at the campaign in the recommended for D. S. O. (distinguished service order). The Roman Catholic Bishop named Robt. Brindle and was approached by a member of his staff, who remarked he hardly thought this would be popular in England unless a Church of England divine was also named. I recommended a man for distinction."

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