

MILITARY NEWS AND GOSSIP

OF CORPS, UNITS AND BATTALIONS OF NO. 1 MILITARY DISTRICT; OF LONDON'S MOBILIZATION CAMP AT CARLING HEIGHT, AND OF CAMP BORDEN, WHERE EIGHT WESTERN ONTARIO BATTALIONS ARE QUARTERED.

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REGISTRATION TO AID RECRUITING IN THIS DISTRICT

Delegates From Western Ontario Urge Government to Take Action.

NO NEED OF CONSCRIPTION

Col. Shannon Favors Change in the Present Methods.

YOUNG MEN HANGING BACK

Too Many Good Soldiers Out in Baseball Fields, Says Chairman.

"That we express our appreciation of the scheme for recruiting as laid before the meeting by the militia representatives, and promise our hearty co-operation to carry out the same.

"That this military district be organized with the head office under a chief recruiting officer, and that all other societies co-operate.

"We also feel that some system of registration is necessary, and that the Government should take speedy action, so as to give effect to the suggestion.

"That this meeting represent to the Government that it supply the necessary funds to carry out the proposed methods."

The above resolution was adopted by the delegates from the eleven counties representing Military District No. 1 at the recruiting conference held yesterday afternoon in the Masonic Temple to formulate a scheme to solve the problem of recruiting.

The resolution adopted will be presented in person by Lieut.-Col. Cecil Williams to Premier Borden at an early date for consideration.

The delegates were at variance on several matters concerning recruiting, but finally the resolution was formulated and moved by J. J. Hunter, editor of the Kincardine Reporter, seconded by Joseph Gibson, postmaster of Ingersoll.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Canon Tucker, the chairman, who outlined the objects and reasons for holding the conference.

Has Done Wonders.

"The present system of recruiting has done wonders in a great many ways, but the time has come when it appears to have served its usefulness, and we must look to other means to raise the necessary men," said Canon Tucker.

"Had we been told at the commencement of the war that Canada would have raised 300,000 men or more by volunteer methods, we would have been told we were dreaming," continued the speaker.

"I looked like a physical impossibility, but we destroyed the illusion as the great war has destroyed many illusions.

"Recruiting has called out some of our best men. It has called out men most needed, and left many men who we could have most spared. Men who would be splendid soldiers to meet the Germans in the trenches we see on the baseball field.

"Some of our men of greatest ideals have offered themselves. Others have remained quiet at home with their mothers, wives, sweethearts and aunts.

A Broader Policy.

"We must go beyond the present recruiting policy in order that there may be equality. In order that recruiting may be successful we must be organized different than at present.

"We want a system that will bring the best moral and patriotic instincts to bear in each district in order to supply quickly the necessary men, as men we must have by one system or the other, and that system we must now decide," said Canon Tucker in part in opening the meeting.

Men Are Needed.

Col. Shannon, the next speaker, opened his address by stating he was a man of few words but wanted to say a different system evolved than at present existed. In part he said:

"The time has come when we require some organization in order to secure troops and your presence here is to discuss the best means to get the men."

On the basis of 100,000 as asked it would mean one in sixteen or for Military District No. 1 36,700 men. We have raised 25,500 and we are still over 7,500 men short of what we require as the quota for No. 1 district.

Organization and system will do the work. I am not much given over to comparisons, but I see districts that have done better than we have by the right methods.

We have sent recruits from No. 1 district to Toronto and Hamilton, but they are all for overseas whether with units in this district or otherwise. My wish is that something practical will result from this conference."

Urges an Appeal.

Lieut.-Col. George Williams, senior

chaplain at Camp Borden and of Military District No. 2, in his address advocated an earnest and persistent appeal to the higher ideals which he yet believed would bring the required number of troops.

"What we need in Canada today is a strong intellectual campaign. What might have been practical on the start is not practical now.

"I think Canada is to our benefit to introduce conscription now. No. 2 district has recruited more than its full quota of men by a strong, earnest and persistent appeal, and I believe we can do the same in this district.

"Bring the issues clearly, strongly and persistently before the people and you will get the results.

"In the country the men do not appreciate as quickly the requirements as the men in the city because they are not faced so strongly with the issue.

Want the Farmers.

"We want the farmer to see the issue clearly and we believe they will respond as never before.

"I think Canada can give the necessary 300,000 without necessarily disturbing our industrial life.

"We can do by systematic organization what other have done, and I believe it still unwise to talk conscription, because I believe the men will be forthcoming yet by the present system."

said Lieut.-Col. Geo. Williams in conclusion.

Lieut.-Col. Cecil G. Williams, chief recruiting officer of the Dominion, who came to London at the request of Col. Shannon, was next called to address the delegates.

He first asked for the roll call of the delegates, which showed every county in the district well represented.

"We are here to formulate a plan of recruiting that will be productive of a million and a half of available men, and surely it is not too much to ask one in three.

"I would to God that we could get our men here between the ages of 15 and 45 to realize the awful horror of this war.

"I do not believe in calling men slackers and cowards, and my instructions from Gen. Hughes were not to vilify anyone from the platform, as I believe we can still get the men by the right kind of appeal.

"Speaking of conscription, if we can become the one bright jewel to remain without it we will do something to feel proud of and I believe we can."

Men Will Come.

"I feel when the men of Canada know the price Belgium has paid, every man will say, 'here I am' and I don't believe conscription will be needed."

Canon Tucker, in speaking, again believed the general feeling of the people at large was for some system of registration.

The meeting was then opened to discussion, the first to move the platform being Joseph Gibson of Ingersoll, who came out and out for a registration of all eligible men for enlistment.

"We have played the present game until it has become a humiliation and I for one don't wish to waste any more ammunition on dead ducks," said Mr. Gibson.

Others who spoke were: Dr. Reaume, ex-M. P. of Windsor; J. J. Hunter of Kincardine; Judge Klein of Walkerton; John Northcote of Ingersoll; Samuel Ferguson of Stratford, and Col. Murty of Guelph.

PRAISE FOR 135TH ON SHOWING MADE IN CAMP INSPECTION

Middlesex Boys Well Drilled in Physical Exercises.

STRATHROY MEN ADDED

Officer of 26th Joins as a Private—Another Comes From Rochester.

[Special to The Advertiser.] CAMP BORDEN, Aug. 2.—James Armstrong, of Rochester, formerly of Strathroy, reached camp late tonight and enlisted in the 135th Battalion.

Ralph Brock, also of Strathroy, an officer of the 26th Battalion, enlisted today in the same battalion as a private. Sergt. Doughty, instructor in physical training for the 135th Battalion, was highly commended at today's inspection for the showing made by the unit.

The inspection continues tomorrow.

GREY BATTALION WILL NOT GET TRIP HOME

[Special to The Advertiser.] OWEN SOUND, Aug. 2.—The 147th Grey Battalion will not return to Owen Sound for the presentation of colors, which the county council will give Col. McFarland and his men before they leave for overseas.

It was thought at first that the plan could be arranged, but those interested have found that it would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 to bring the men over from Camp Borden by train and air, which the county council would not do. This expense would be unnecessary and so the project has been abandoned. The warment of the county and several of the prominent men of the town will go over and present the colors informally sometime in the near future.

Anniversary of War.

Arrangements are being made for a large union prayer meeting in commemoration of the second anniversary of the war. The mayor, Messrs. Middlebrooks and Cameron, and other prominent men will speak.

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TEN OFFICERS OF 135TH BATTALION TO BE LEFT BEHIND AID RETURNED MEN

Lieut.-Col. Robson Has Made Selection.

SOME MAY GO TO 186TH

Lack of Bayonets Has Prevented Pride of Middlesex Practicing.

[Special to The Advertiser.] CAMP BORDEN, Aug. 2.—Lieut.-Col. Hart Robson, after a conference today with his staff and company officers, selected his overseas officers who will be notified tomorrow that they cannot go with the battalion, and be given an opportunity to find other posts. At present the 135th Battalion needs officers, and some arrangement may be made whereby these vacancies can be filled by these officers who have fallen by the wayside.

Some of those who have been rejected could not pass the medical tests. Strictly speaking, the four supernumeraries, three attached officers, assistant adjutant and junior major should be left behind, but some of these officers have proven better soldiers than others in the battalion and are being taken to England.

Because of the lack of bayonets little bayonet-fighting training has been given. The battalion, today there were five bayonets on the battalion area for this purpose. All told there are 40 in the regiment.

Men From London WILL BE TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF 241ST

Transportation to Windsor Furnished Recruits.

MAY CAMPAIGN IN CITY

Camp of Highland Regiment Claimed To Be Best in Canada.

Lieut.-Col. W. L. McGregor, commanding officer of the 241st (Highland) Battalion, with headquarters at Windsor, was in London Wednesday at the recruiting conference at the Masonic Hall, Col. McGregor announced.

The meeting was away to a good start, and that the men from London would be taken on the strength of the first and only Highland battalion ever recruited in No. 1 Military District since the declaration of war two years ago.

Transportation will be provided for those men from London and vicinity who go to Windsor and succeed in passing the medical examination, the C. E. F. It is hoped to secure authority at once to take the men on here, and to examine them in this city. Many from London are waiting for the formation of a Highland battalion, and the opportunity is thus being afforded them to sign on with a killed regiment for overseas service.

A Splendid Camp.

The camp of the 241st is claimed to be the equal of the best military camps in Canada. The tents are all floored, and frame mess and canteen buildings have been erected for the accommodation of the men. Every facility necessary for the comfort of the soldiers in encampments has been provided, and the regimental house of the 241st is a most excellent one from the standpoint of military efficiency and civilian comforts that are denied soldiers in some camps because of lack of facilities, natural disadvantages and other causes.

Active Recruiting.

Though the Scottish Borderers, as the 241st are known, have been authorized for some time, it is only in the last week that active recruiting has commenced. The showing is most satisfactory, and because of the military department ruling that gives the 241st the whole of Military District No. 1, the recruiting is expected to be a goodly representation from this city and immediate vicinity will be found in the kilts of the Borderers.

Our active campaign only started last Thursday, and we have a good nucleus, and hope to bring our battalion to strength as speedily as possible. It is intended that a special campaign for recruits to form a London platoon, or even a London company, will be undertaken in the near future.

SEAFORTH PATRIOTIC DAY FOR BENEFIT OF 161ST

[Special to The Advertiser.] SEAFORTH, Aug. 2.—Today was Seaforth's civic holiday and the demonstration given in aid of the 161st battalion was a huge success, the object being to purchase a field kitchen for same.

The weather was ideal and a very large number of the surrounding towns and country attended.

The 161st Battalion band from Camp Borden took part in the day's entertainment.

At 1 o'clock a monster parade formed, headed by the battalion band, followed by the citizens' band, fire brigades, decorated autos, floats and school children from town and country, which proceeded to Victoria Park, where sports were held and a fair of the Allied nations represented by booths, in charge of them being dressed in national costumes.

In the evening a garden party and open-air concert was held in the park, and was also largely attended. The amount realized is not known yet.

SECRETARY EXPLAINS WORK BEING DONE TO TO BE LEFT BEHIND AID RETURNED MEN

Tells Trades and Labor Delegates About Soldiers' Aid.

MANY POSITIONS SECURED

Not Always Easy to Get Places for Men Who Are Incapacitated.

Secretary Ed Lance of the London branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission replied to a number of queries made by members of the Trades and Labor Council at their regular meeting last night. At a former meeting a deputation of returned men visited the council and laid before it their grievances. It was newspaper reports of these which caused the commission's secretary to ask for permission to speak before the council.

In reply to the case of one man whom one of the members stated had left a ten-dollar-a-week job to enlist and had returned incapacitated by the loss of one arm to his former position at \$3 a week, he stated that the man was, in the first place, only getting \$3 a week and that possibly the firm was now paying a lower scale of wages for his class of labor.

Positions Secured.

Secretary Ritchie of the Returned Soldiers' Association, was present. He asked Mr. Lance just what the Soldiers' Aid Commission had done for returned men in the city in the way of getting them positions. Mr. Lance cited a number of cases in which positions had been secured for them. He stated that all men who had applied and were properly discharged from the army had been given positions. He pointed out the difficulty of obtaining suitable employment for incapacitated men. One man, he said, was at present receiving vocational training in one of the city's business colleges.

John Kents, one of the members of the council, raised strong objection to the small size of soldiers' pensions. He claimed that the returned men with the returned men by helping them to organize for protection. Joseph T. Marks, editor of the Industrial Banner, voiced the sentiment that the returned soldiers' fight was labor's fight. Must Stand Together.

Other members pointed out how the plan of employing returned men at a wage below union scales would reduce everyone's wages, making it absolutely necessary for the unions to stand with the returned men. Delegates were asked to take it up with their local unions.

Other members charged that Mr. Lance as either men in charge of organization for the purpose of helping returned men had prevented them from using the soldiers' club room for organizing their society. They stated also that they evidently feared publicity, as they had posted a notice prohibiting persons in civilian clothes entering the club rooms. This, they charged, was intended to apply to reporters.

Denies Allegation.

Secretary Lance stated that this was not the case. Representative men of the city had been the patrons of the organization and they had objected to the men using the club-room for the purpose, as they claimed of knocking out the men who had helped in establishing it. He stated that the notice was not intended to apply to reporters.

Outlets of the discussion no action was taken in the matter.

A motion was carried that a letter of condolence be sent to Fred Haylock, whose son was drowned last Sunday.

Organizer John Fleet of Toronto spoke on various labor problems. He objected strongly to the present ship-quoting the case of a laborer paid to print the account of a strike. The interests of labor were at stake, he said. Soldiers' freedom of speech would be curtailed. He stated that representation of labor was needed in legislation and claimed that at present Gen. Thomas D'Alton, in fact, his only friend in parliament. "In five years of administration the Conservative Government cannot show one step of progress for labor. It is up to you to do something," he said.

PREFERS LONDON CAMP TO CONDITIONS AT BORDEN

The St. Mary's Journal of Wednesday, August 2, says:

Camp Borden Eh?

Lieut. W. J. Wright, of the 110th, spent the weekend in town and enjoyed it, as all St. Mary's men do when home, but he had decided objections to Camp Borden, and while he did not take issue with the Journal as to the causes for much of the criticism, he wished us to understand that it was not an "ideal camp," and not as suitable for the 110th as London. In fact, Lieut. Wright contended it was not the intentions of the authorities at the beginning of the war to have the 110th on the grounds on which the spot now occupied by the 110th is marked for the 153rd, as proof of his contention.

ALDERSON SOUVENIRS FOR RETURNED MEN

Lady Alderson wife of General Alderson, who commands a Canadian army corps, has sent out autographed photos of General Alderson to the 110th as a souvenir for the men who fought under him in 1915.

Any returned soldiers who are entitled to one of these photographs, if they would communicate with Mrs. E. B. Smith, regent of the Lord Roberts Chapter, I.O.D.E., London, Ont., may receive the prized gift. Gen. Alderson has written on each photograph: "Good-bye greetings and remembrance, Christmas, 1915. E. A. W. Alderson, lieutenant-general, Canadian army corps."

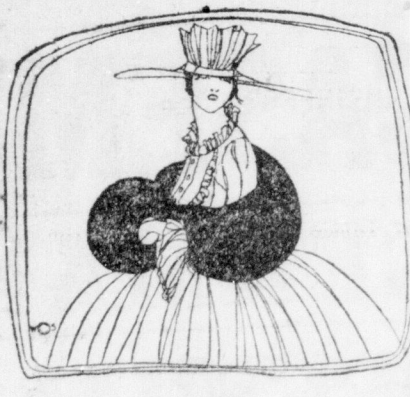
BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

The Y. M. C. A. has erected a wooden-floored basketball court with high wire inclosures. It is proposed to have a basketball league at once. Like all other camp sports the boys from the 1st Military Division—Brigade and 3—can take a high standing, and

WELL! THIS IS AUGUST!

STOCKTAKING IS OVER and there is a new life in business at this store. We know that during the past few weeks of measuring and listing, in the midst of July sales there might seem to be an apparent lack of interest on the part of the salespeople who were so busily engaged, but we hope that you will realize that, if so, it was only through over-anxiety in their work. The month of August used to be thought of as "dog-days" with a sort of relaxation, awaiting the cooler days of September to begin real work. Those indoors pitied those out-of-doors and those out-of-doors pitied those indoors, and everyone felt listless. Isn't it just "thought" that has so much to do with "feeling"?

We are busy here. We are just as keen to give you wide-awake, interested service as we were those first warm days of May or the first sharp days of October. We never relax, because of real pleasure derived from real service. Our people and our store are now happily prepared, and we would appreciate the report of any inattention on the part of our employees.



Your Traveling Equipment for the Holiday

Trunks, Bags and Suitcases of the very latest designs are shown in great variety for your holiday trip. See these in Basement.

Our Special \$4.69 Black Walrus Grain Bag; leather-covered frame; brass lock and catches; full leather lined with pocket. Our Special; regular value \$7.00. Sale Price \$4.69

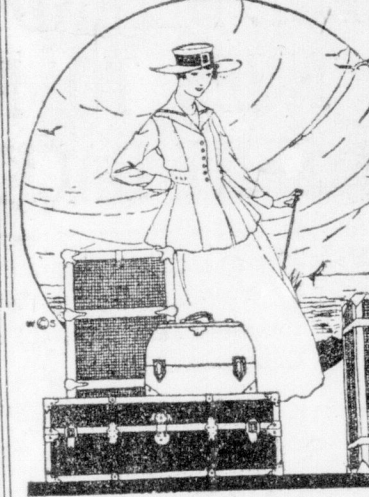
\$7.50 Bag, with heavy Walrus Grain, Goatskin leather, three-piece style, leather-covered frame, full leather lined, with pocket; 16-inch at \$7.00; 18-inch at \$7.50; 20-inch at \$8.00.

Suitcases, special fibre suitcase, with brass lock and bolts, fancy lining, in three sizes, 22, 24, 26. At all one price \$1.39

\$1.60 Matting Suitcases with leather corners, steel frame, strong lock and catches, finished with fancy lining. Special, 24-inch \$1.60

\$4.75 Steamer Trunk, waterproof, canvas-covered, hardwood slats, strong lock and bolts, fancy lining, with tray. At 25c to \$25.00

Other styles of Suitcases and Bags at



August Furniture Sale 10 to 50 Per Cent Reductions on Furniture Every piece of furniture included in August Sale. THIRD FLOOR.

A Few Pieces and Colors Left in Original Soie de Nero (Raw Silk) at the Old Price, \$1.00 Per Yard

This has proven, by 10 years selling, the most satisfactory for durability, service and appearance of any dyed Raw Silk. The grade of silk adopted for this particular brand is of a carefully selected quality; fine, even weave, free from knots and rough spots. If the color is in this range to your liking, procure it at once, as the manufacturer's price today means 35c a yard advance. Here are the colors to select from: electric and pale blue, very light tan, mauve, amethyst, dark green, tobacco brown; all are 34 inches wide. Old price of \$1.00 yard

Special! Extra Heavy Quality Washable Pure Silk Crepe de Chine, Black and Ivory, \$1.50 Per Yard

Just what you may have been waiting for, this firm quality that makes up and hemstitches so beautifully for separate waists; a delivery from France in black and ivory just received; 40 inches wide. Special \$1.50 yard

New White Goods in Wash Section

Vestings, Repps, Ducks, Lixinen, Pique and Voile, a new and beautiful assortment passed into stock since stock-taking, fresh from the mills.

White Vestings, in large assortment of patterns for men's shirts and pyjamas, boys' blouses, ladies' waists and children's dresses. All neat designs of stripes, spots and figures. Well-known for excellent washing and wearing qualities and nice appearance; best quality, 27 and 28 inches. . . 25c and 30c yard

White Repp in good weight and quality, specially recommended for middies and skirts, 36 inches. . . 20c

White Drills, the satisfactory material for ladies' or children's wear, skirts, dresses, uniforms, etc. 27 inches 15c, 22c, 25c yard

White Duck in extra special value, easily washed, nice clean weave and finish; 27 inches. . . 15c yard

Lixinen, in white only, the best value made at price and width for uniforms, dresses, suits, skirts, aprons, etc., 36 inches 20c yard

White Pique for infants' coats, children's suits or dresses, ladies' skirts, dresses, suits or uniforms, all qualities and the best value obtainable at prices, 27 inches, 15c, 20c, 22c, 25c; 29 inches, 35c; 32 inches, 40c.

White Voiles in plain sheer weaves, most popular for waists and dresses all the year round, good range of qualities, 40 inches. . . 25c to 70c yard

White Organdie, the stiff sheer finish, in fine even weave, so favored for waists, also collar and cuff sets, 45 inches 35c, 50c, 85c yard

AFTERNOON TEA, 15c.—Sliced Tomatoes, Bread and Butter or Rolls, Cup of Tea or Coffee, 15c. Sliced Peaches with Cream, Assorted Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee, 15c.

home next Monday. This is Civic Holiday in both Toronto and this city, but there will be no such animal as "Civic Holiday" in camp. The drills proceed as usual.

SPEED LIMIT DOWN.

Because of the dust the speed limit for all autos in the camp has been cut down to twelve miles an hour. Military orders call for a rigid adherence to this speed schedule and dire threats are leveled against officers or men who break it either on department business or in pleasure bound.

RETURNED OFFICER NAMED.

Capt. Alex. Sinclair, late of the 15th, who served fifteen months in the trenches, has been appointed provost marshal of Toronto. He will occupy the same position as that filled by Major Baron Osborne in this city, and is virtually chief of the military police of the Queen City.

WEEK-END LEAVES CONTINUE.

Western Ontario units will continue to get their half-monthly week-end leaves. Instead of the proposed four days' leave once a month. The staff officers considered the proposal for a four-day leave in place of two week-end passes, but so many objections were discovered that it was decided to continue in the old style.

LEIUT.-COLONEL NOW

Major W. W. MacVicar, second in command of the 140th (Lambton County) Battalion formerly quartered in London, and now at Camp Borden, has been appointed lieutenant-colonel of the 27th Lambton Regiment (St. Clair Borderers). The official gazetting of his appointment appeared in orders issued from Ottawa on Wednesday.

Lieut.-Col. MacVicar has been senior officer of the Lambton Militia Regiment, as well as of the county's overseas battalion. He was regarded as one of the most efficient officers of the local camp, and has long been slated for the command of a C. E. F. battalion.

GOING OVERSEAS.

Col. R. S. Low and his construction corps that did such speedy work at the Camp Borden work, are slated for work and camp construction in the old country and in France. The colonel has been in conference with officers at Ottawa concerning the proposed transfer.

BEING INSPECTED TODAY.

The 125th (Middlesex) Battalion is being inspected again today by Lieut.-Col. J. S. Campbell of the headquarters staff. This was to have been held some time ago, but the last inspection was postponed.

NEW RAILWAY CORPS.

A new railway corps to handle shipments from the camp freight, passenger and express stations has been created, and 24 men have been taken on its strength. It is regarded as a big improvement in the handling of all supplies.

NO CIVIC HOLIDAY.

No special passes will be granted to either London or Toronto troops to come

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