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INDIAN BATTALION IS MAKING PROGRESS

Recruiting Officers Expect Action After New Year's. HAMILTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—While few recruits have enlisted so far with the new Indian section of the 140th Battalion, being organized at Cayuga under the command of Colonel Baxter, it is anticipated that things will be much brisker following New Year's, as many who intend offering themselves for active service are holding back so that they can spend Christmas and New Year's with their families.

At present there are 32 Indians in the battalion and it is expected that 200 more will join in the course of a couple of weeks. These have been waiting the formation of the proposed Indian Battalion, but will fall in line now that hopes of it being organized are slight. Arthur Jamieson, the well-known long distance runner, has enlisted with the 140th Battalion.

Christmas Day With the World at War

Christmas Day with the world at war is not the harbinger of the Prince of Peace. He came to His own and His own knew Him not. The density of mankind was not confined to the ages of the past, and today, as then, there are many to whom blessings concealed, history repeats itself, and of this fact the world is in ignorance. Who shall say that the world's greatest war is not the harbinger of the world's greatest peace? The ways of the Creator are not our ways, and it oftentimes happens that the destruction of some is essential to the preservation of the greater number. Yet in their immolation the victims do not go unwarded and, as the martyrs of old, who died for their heroes of the battlefield who die that life may live. Christmas bells today ring over the earth as rang the song of the angels on that first Christmas night, when the gates of the Temple of Janus were closed, and the dove of peace brooded over the ancient Roman world.

Today between the pealing of the notes but above and beyond all is the note of hope, which tells to the listening world that, thru sacrifice, cometh victory, and, thru victory, peace.

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" sang the angels as they told of the Saviour's birth, and the shepherds, hearing it, were frightened, until, overcoming their timidity, they went in search of the one of whom the angels sang, and they at length received their reward.

Today the world is affrighted, it stands aghast at the carnage of the battlefield, but hovering above the ensanguined line of the areas of death one can discern the tiny canopy of hope and hear the song of the angels of justice and civilization, and the allies who supported her shall yet wear the crown of the conquerors, and send on to a waiting world the palms of a lasting peace.

GUELPH'S CIVIC CONTEST

Special to The Toronto World. GUELPH, Dec. 24.—Eighteen candidates qualified at 9 o'clock tonight for the civic contest for the office of aldermanic honors out of a list of 64 nominated. Those who will run are: S. Calvert, O. E. Rowen, H. Westoby, R. H. Brydon, J. R. Howitt, E. Crawford, H. H. O. Stull, Jos. Lawson, Geo. M. Henry, W. W. White, Wm. Stratton, A. A. Buchner, Charles Butler, H. C. Steele, D. H. Barlow, D. Martin, S. Rundle and G. Dunbar. Eleven of these are to be elected. Ald. Newstead dropped out of the council to contest the mayoralty with the present occupant, Mayor Mahoney. Both have qualified.

HAMILTON GIVES MEN GENEROUS CHRISTMAS

Soldiers Will Be Entertained Freely by Various Organizations Today.

FORMER REEVE ENLISTS

John Pickard Joins County Battalion — Son Will Follow Suit.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—A communication from Major William Hendrie to the officers of the 88th conveyed the season's greetings and also an invitation for the three non-coms to take Christmas dinner with Major Hendrie. The Daughters of the Empire will provide a supper and a musicale for the soldiers at the Khaki Club today and particularly returned soldiers are invited. Several other Hamilton homes will be open to soldiers today. Consequently with many away there will be more than plenty for those who remain at the armories. A Christmas greeting from the Duke of Connaught was received by the commanding officers of the various military units of the city. Mayor Walters sent pretty Christmas cards to the military men and battalions.

County Recruiting. The recruiting in Dundas and the vicinity is creating a great deal of interest, and the county regiment has found a staunch supporter in Hon. Lieut.-Col. J. J. Grafton of the 77th Regiment. He announced yesterday that he would raise the money and recruit a whole machine gun section for the 12th, which means to find 31 men, as well as the officers and also provide guns. In addition, Col. Grafton is the good Samaritan who is giving the regiment a field kitchen. Ex-Reeve John Pickard of Ancaster, who is 48 years of age, and one of Ancaster's best known public men, has enlisted as a private in the county regiment. He donned the uniform yesterday and announced that he would endeavor to have his son, who is with a Toronto battalion, transferred to the Wentworth Regiment.

HAMILTON HAS NO SLACKERS IN UNIFORM

Recruiting Staff is Composed of Men Returned From the Front.

FORTY PASS EXAMINATION

Forty-Eight Underwent Test for Non-Commission Stripes.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—There are no men suitable for overseas service on the strength of the recruiting force in Hamilton. An order has been received from the government for a list of all officers, non-coms and men on the staffs of recruiting offices who are suitable for service. The chief recruiting officer for Hamilton is replying that none but returned men are employed in Hamilton other than orderlies who are awaiting appointments as office men with battalions being formed. Major Healey of the 88th Machine Gun Battalion announced yesterday that at least 40 of the candidates who tried for non-com stripes would be successful. The examination was a very stiff one was admitted by the officers, who stated that, with 40 passing the percentage was a very high one. This successful ones will have to try another examination about the middle of January.

Captain Chever Scott of the law firm of Gibson, Levy and Gibson, has received an important appointment. He has been named as a member of the military staff of his division, and will take up duty as instructor. Captain Scott is a 13th officer. Another officer from the 13th to receive an appointment is Lieut. G. H. Burland, who joins the Royal Naval Air Service. His parents reside at Grimby. The appointment of Rev. Canon Law as chaplain of the 120th Battalion has been approved.

MAYOR INFORMED OF HYDRO DECISION

Dominion Power Compensation Soon to Be Announced.

HAMILTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Mayor Walters has been informed that the Dominion Commission has decided on the amount the Dominion power and transmission is to get as compensation for the master it will have to scrap on going into the underground system. The exact terms of this will be given the mayor at an early date.

LAD KILLED ON FARM.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 24.—The nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford of Duart, a village near here, riding on a manure spreader, fell into the machinery and had his neck broken, dying instantly.

CANON BELT COMES TO CHRIST CHURCH

Widely Known Divine is to Assume Charge of Parish.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—Announcement is made of the recent appointment by Bishop Clark of Rev. C. E. Belt of Ancaster as the Canon of Christ Church Cathedral of this city. Rev. Canon Belt is widely known through the Niagara Diocese, and will receive the congratulations of his friends on his elevation.

CITIZENS RALLIED FOR TURKEY FUND.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—So well did the citizens respond to the appeals made by the Christmas Box Fund for returned soldiers that the distribution of turkeys yesterday to each of the men was made possible. With each bird was an appropriate Yuletide card.

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BRITISH RECRUITS OBJECT TO BUTTONS

Confusion Caused by Badges Issued to Canadians.

HAMILTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Some annoyance has been caused from the front by reason of the identification buttons being issued only to Canadian soldiers returned. As a result some of the reservists have been looked upon as impostors. The chief recruiting officer is trying to have the matter adjusted.

GIFTS FOR MEN AT SCORE'S.

If our ad on page 8 causes you surprise, the quality of goods returned to will prove convincing. Remember, \$10 of regular marked prices.

GLOBE THEATRE. The new Globe Theatre, Queen W. at City Hall, opens its doors today with Holbrook Blinn and Vivian Martin, in "A Butterfly on the Wheel." The interior of the theatre is most beautifully designed, with lighting effects in harmony with the decorations, presenting a most pleasing appearance. A ventilating plant has been installed, changing the air every few minutes. Performances will be continuous from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

SOLDIERS WILL HAVE A FULL CHRISTMAS

Returned Veterans Treated to Fine Holiday Dinner Yesterday.

TEN OF THEM SAT DOWN

Sumptuous Repast Was Served as the Gift of Hamilton Citizens.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—Nothing has been left undone by the military authorities in their efforts to provide an enjoyable dinner for the soldiers roaming in the barracks. The members of the 86th Machine Gun Battalion and the Canadian Mounted Rifles will be provided with turkey and plum pudding, while the latter will also receive oranges and cigars, donated by some benevolent and kind-hearted citizen who does not wish his name known. The soldiers at the Victoria Convalescent Home had their Christmas dinner yesterday. Probably nowhere in the city will a more sumptuous Christmas repeat be spread than was set before the boys at the home, thanks to the generosity of the citizens of this city.

Sharp at 12 o'clock the lads, ten in number, sat down to enjoy the goodies and Christmas surprises. Turkey, plum pudding, cakes and all kinds of fruits adorned the tables and last, but not to the soldier's heart, not least, a package of cigars was placed on the table of each soldier, all the gifts of Hamiltonians. Christmas stockings and flags hung on the wall. Besides the Christmas dinner each returned man was given a package containing two khaki shirts, two khaki handkerchiefs and a pair of gloves. A turkey was also supplied to each returned soldier by Mayor Walters.

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ADVANCE IN STEEL PRICES BEGINNING NEXT YEAR.

On Jan. 1 steel prices will be marked up 20 cents per hundred pounds, in Canada. Montreal advices state that this advance in the price of steel has stimulated the buying of railroad equipment. Several large orders being received during the last week by car and locomotive companies.

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FAKE SOLICITOR WORKING IN HAMILTON

Police Watch for Man Who Says He Belongs to Brotherhood. HAMILTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Acting under instructions from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the police are watching for a man who has been recently victimizing local business men. Detective Heskley of the T.H. & B. stated this morning that the swindler had been representing himself as a member of the Brotherhood and by telling business men that a contribution from them to the Brotherhood fund would ensure more careful handling of their freight shipments in and out of the city had succeeded in several instances in securing money. He is a fraud.



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