

### PAVING THE WAY FOR MILITIA ACT

#### Much Speculation at Headquarters as to Effect of New Regulations.

Military headquarters, M.D. No. 2, was the scene of much speculation Saturday as to the effect of the new recruiting system, but the majority of the officials were very conservative in their statements, and under the cover of regimental discretion refused to make any definite statement. The regulation was received with great interest, and also the feeling seemed to be that the system should have been broader and more exacting, still any move to ensure an immediate military future would be welcomed. In some quarters there seemed to be a feeling that this initial move was only a feeler.

Major-General W. A. Logie has received instructions to mobilize the Second Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto, 48th Regiment Highlanders of Toronto, 109th Royal Regiment of Toronto, 10th Irish Regiment of Toronto, 13th Royal Regiment of Hamilton, 19th Lincoln Regiment of St. Catharines, 38th Dufferin Rifles of Brantford and the 1st Canadian Highlanders of Hamilton. The commanding officers of these units have been notified of the new regulations. General Logie has also requested Ottawa for permission to mobilize the 1st Rifles of Sault Ste. Marie. From this it will be seen that only units with headquarters in cities and large towns within the division have been authorized while rural regiments have not been mentioned. The reason suggested for this is that the farmers need their boys or hope to recall them from the munition plants for the summer's work. In some of the units mentioned there will have to be a rearrangement of the commanding officers, for instance in the 2nd Q.O.R., where Lieut.-Col. G. C. Royce is raising a unit for the C.E.F., and Lieut.-Col. Sidney Band of the Queen's Own will have to be accommodated. General Logie and his staff seem to view most of the militia commanders favorably, and it is not likely that many changes will be made in this regiment.

No call for cavalry, or service units have been asked for yet, although it is known that there will be need of them, and that they will be mobilized as soon as necessary. Meanwhile headquarters, M.D. No. 2, is awaiting orders from Ottawa as to the full meaning of the regulation. Nothing definite will be carried out until Major-General S. C. Newburn forwards his orders for consideration here, as soon as these are received a conference of the commanding officers of the militia units will be called and the regimental staffs will be reorganized. All returned officers and men who are available will be allotted for instructional purposes to the various units and training carried out as systematically as possible.

The standard of physical fitness will be the same as for the C.E.F. and to a large extent this will affect the militia units. For instance the approximate figures for the local militia units show 4200 men associated, divided as follows: 9th Mississauga Horse 350, Governor-General's Body Guard 250, 2nd Queen's Own Rifles 1000, 10th Royal Grenadiers 700, 109th Regiment 750, and the 10th Irish Regiment 650. A large number of these men will not measure up to this standard and it will be found that these figures will steadily decrease when the aggregate is made up.

**Suffer Relaxation.**  
The suggestion has been made that this regulation will have to suffer relaxation in order to secure efficient and qualified instructors. This standard could hardly be applied to returned men who would undoubtedly be of great assistance. The annual meeting will be held in the chemistry and mining building, Toronto University, the evening of March 20.

**EVERYBODY'S ORCHESTRA.**  
The Victoria is everybody's orchestra. If you have never danced to Victoria music, call at the Victoria parlors of Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman and Co. Ltd., Heintzman Hall, 193, 195, 197 Young street, and hear some dance records played. With a Victrola and a few dance records you can organize a little dance in your own home on a few minutes' notice.

**ACCORDING TO CUSTOM.**  
Several people have telephoned the naval recruiting office asking why the men there are not half-invested for Her Grace the Duchess of Connaught. It will probably interest the public to know that the naval ensign is only money, except in the case of the death of the reigning sovereign, when it is half-invested from the time of death to the burial.

**CHILDREN ENTERTAIN PARENTS.**  
The Carlton Park Playground held its monthly entertainment at Victoria school Saturday evening, when a large number of parents were present. A pretty play entitled "The Toy Shop" was well presented by the Carlton Park girls, and the remainder of the program consisted of moving pictures, folk dances, songs, etc. The chair was taken by Aid. S. Ryding.

**SUSTAINED SLIGHT INJURY.**  
George S. Henry, M.L.A., East York, while entering a Yonge street car on Friday afternoon on his way home to dine, met with a slight accident being struck on the knee by a projecting bundle. The accident, the slight, has confined Mr. Henry to his home, but he expects to be out again today.

general. Telegrams of congratulation were forwarded to him at Ottawa. No. 2 section Depot Divisional Column has been recruiting in Hamilton and the men of this unit will be moved to Toronto shortly to become part of the artillery brigade here.

Five men out of seventeen were passed at the Toronto mobilization contest, Saturday, the artillery getting three and the cyclists and the Divisional Signallers one each.

Officers of the C.E.F. proceeding to England, will report at Argyl House, 246 West Regent street, London, instead of at Cleveland House, St. James Square.



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#### Prominent Ottawa Man Is Wounded in France

Lieut. G. M. Taylor, only son of Mr. G. W. Taylor, assistant deputy minister of inland revenue, has been dangerously wounded. The information was received by the young soldier's father at his home, 288 Clewlow avenue, Ottawa.

#### FINE SHOWING BY INFANTRY IN TORONTO RECRUITING

Five hundred recruits were dealt with at the Toronto mobilization centre, in the armories, during the week just ended, 850 of these being Toronto men and the other 120 volunteers sent from central and northern Ontario points for final medical approval. Of the 380 Toronto City recruits offering, 135 were accepted for active service, these figures not including men enrolled for the aviation or naval services. Twenty-one units of the C.E.F. secured new recruits during the week's campaign.

Infantry units led in obtaining men for overseas military service, more recruits being attested by this branch than for any other. Over 30 recruits were secured for infantry battalions, over 25 each of the artillery and Army Service Corps, 18 by No. 2 Forestry Draft, and 14 by the cavalry.

#### Technical Societies Combine To Aid in War Activities

The joint committees of technical societies, embracing representatives of all the engineering societies in Canada with a total membership of over 10,000, are meeting regularly in Toronto and in other centres, with a view to obtaining suggestions of a practical nature that may tend to help the Canadian forces in the field or aid in solving the many problems now facing them, or likely to arise because of the war. While the joint committee is devoting a great deal of time to the work already allotted to them, they will be glad to take up any new work that is within their scope. Inventions that will aid any branch of the service will be confidently investigated, and with the consent of the inventor, will be forwarded to the proper authority. Suggestions for aiding recruiting will be taken up, as also will the matter of the employment of returned soldiers. The annual meeting will be held in the chemistry and mining building, Toronto University, the evening of March 20.

#### IRISHMEN CELEBRATE AT REGIMENTAL DINNER

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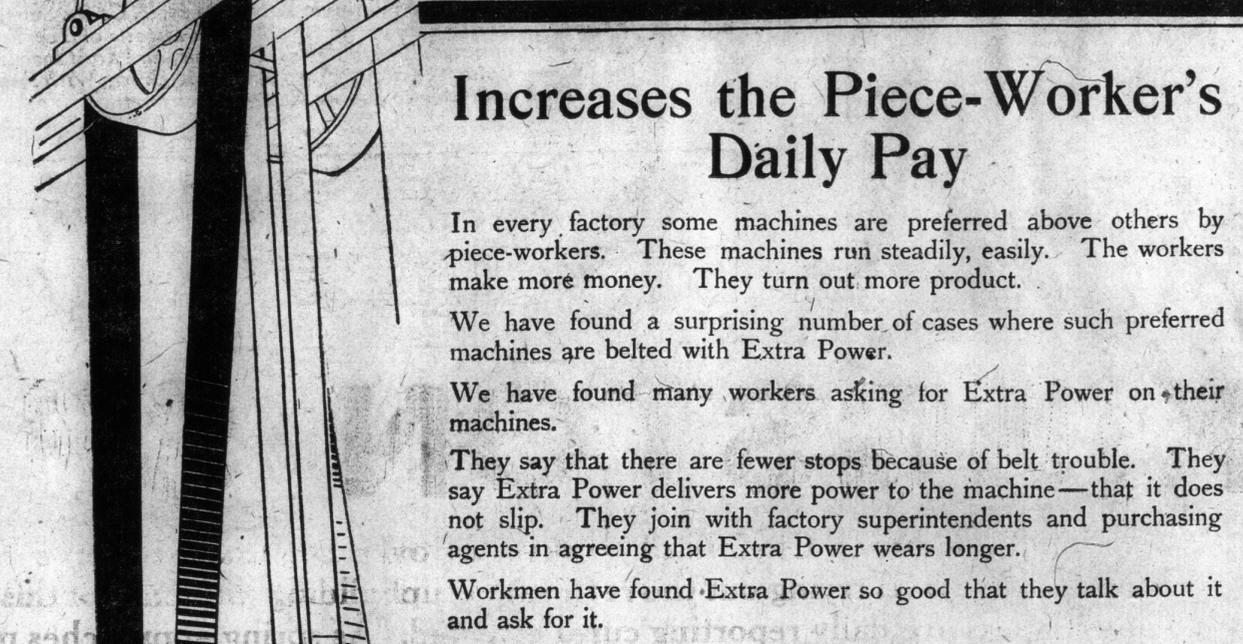
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The banquet table was decorated with Killarney roses in a color scheme of green. The walls were profusely decorated with large Union-jacks. The regiment's band furnished appropriate music. Guests of honor were Major H. S. Switzer of the 294th Battalion, C. V. Harding, P. Barrie Hayes, D. H. Scott, Mayor Lynch and Major Penhall, R.H.A., chief of the school of artillery, Kingston.

#### CHILDREN PLAY IN SPADINA

Signs have been erected along the water front from Spadina avenue to Church street, warning the public that the ice is unsafe, but despite these warnings several ice boats ventured out yesterday. Captain Chapman of the life saving station, stated that the ice has now disappeared from the bay with the exception of a narrow strip between York and John streets and that strip is unsafe.

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#### UNIONISTS CRITICIZED BY ANTI PUBLICATION

In the third edition of "The Message," the official organ of the Presbyterian Church Association, which has been organized for the promotion of the Presbyterian Church, some strong criticisms are handed out to the advocates of organic union, who express indignation that the dictum of the general assembly should be questioned. It says in part: "It is a deliberate and administrative body, a committee of the church with certain restricted judicial and legislative functions. It is elected to carry out the will of the people and the final court of appeal is not the general assembly, but the people it calls into being. The assembly at Winnipeg did not enact a law which is changeless for all time. It passed a resolution which the next assembly has a perfect right to annul if it so decides." It further says: "Of those who are urging this union are not satisfied in the Presbyterian Church, the most obvious and most honorable course for them is to seek more congenial communion and leave our church to carry on its work in peace."

and adds, "The Presbyterian Church in Canada will still continue a separate communion, virile and aggressive as before, even to those whose ecclesiastical affinity is elsewhere, may desert her."

#### BAY ICE IS UNSAFE

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#### Technical School Bazaar Proved Unqualified Success

Large crowds attended the patriotic bazaar held at the Central Technical School on Saturday afternoon and evening, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the funds of the Red Cross and other patriotic societies. Many gaily decorated booths were to be seen, and a fine display of drawings, china and models was on view in the art room, and the many workrooms and classes were visited by a large number of visitors. Miss Margaret Davidson, head of the domestic science department, had charge of the home-made cookery, including bread, marmalade, etc., and the exhibition of pictures in the picture gallery had many patrons. Tea was served by girls in fancy costumes, and the whole affair was one of the greatest activities.

#### FIRE DESTROYS COAL SHUTE

Firemen had a ticklish job at the Standard Fuel Company's east end yards, 389 Greenwood avenue, about 3:45 Sunday morning, when sparks from a passing engine set fire to a coal chute. Owing to the height of the structure the firemen found on arrival that they had no ladders long enough to reach the scene of the blaze. So the aerial trucks from the town were requisitioned, and the fire was finally extinguished. Damage to the building is placed at \$2000, loss to the contents \$1000.

#### PLAYGROUNDS POPULAR

Last month 30,345 children attended the city playgrounds, McCormick headed the list with an attendance of 11,412, East Riverside coming second with 6,248, and Moss Park third with 5,796.

#### PANIC AT RECITAL IN FORESTERS' HALL

Smoke issuing from a ventilator in Foresters' Hall on College street, Saturday night, caused a panic during a recital given by the pupils of Ernest and Broadus Farmer. From the beginning of the program several people in the building noticed a peculiar smell, but little attention was paid to it until near the intermission, when smoke issued from one of the ventilators in the rear of the room. There was immediately a cry of "fire" and a wild rush for the doors took place. Many women fainted, and some were slightly hurt in the wild stampede for the doors. The officials in the building were unable to give a reason for the smoke. It is surmised, however, that the smoke was caused thru the wind affecting the furnace, which were burning an inferior brand of steam coal, which the building has been obliged to use since the shortage of that commodity.

#### COLLIDES WITH MOTOR CAR

Berkeley Street Fire Truck Smashes Machine on King Street. Just as it turned the corner of King and Berkeley streets yesterday morning, Berkeley street fire truck collided with a motor car owned and driven by George Stronach, 26 Brownling avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Stronach and J. A. Fairbairn, a friend, were thrown out of the car, sustaining slight injuries. Their car being smashed, the trio were removed to their home in a passing vehicle.

#### Organization Meeting Called But Too Few Were Present

Despite the fact that circulars had been distributed to the drivers of all kinds of motor and horse-drawn vehicles to attend the organization meeting to be held yesterday afternoon in the Labor Temple, the meeting was called off on account of the sparse attendance. J. L. Devrine, general organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, from Chicago, was on hand to address them, but found his services were not needed. "Evidently they do not wish to organize," he told a reporter from The World when discussing the matter. "I understand there have been several unions, first as far back as 1836 and again a few years ago, when the organizer disappeared with the funds, which, of course, injured the organization, and they seem now to be shy of organization."

#### GAVE FOLK DANCES.

The girls of McCormick Recreation Centre held their annual junior and senior folk dance competition Saturday evening under the direction of Supervisor Miss H. M. Doran. There were twenty-eight contestants in the junior and eight in the senior, and the following were the winners: Juniors—1, Wilma Booty; 2, Bella Aitken and Elizabeth Aitken; 3, Daisy Barton, Senior—1, Minnie Bell; 2, Dorothy Cecil and Violet Johnston; 3, Audrey Dowson.

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