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## THE 48TH OF CANADA STILL GOING STRONG

It is fifteen months since the 48th (15th Batt., C.E.F.) landed in France. To anyone who saw the remains of the battalion, the morning after its march out of Ypres just a year ago, and gazed on the weary, dirty, bearded battle-worn men who constituted all that was left of the 48th in France, it must have seemed that the regiment was shattered beyond repair. The new drafts which within a few days swelled the depleted ranks to something approaching normal size, excellent in themselves did not seem likely to conduce to the unity of the regiment, coming as they did from all parts of Canada. There were strange sights behind the pipers as we marched to Festubert of killed men with service caps and bal-moralled men in trows, and of many who were straight infantry in all their dress, with never a touch of the Highlander about them.

In the long succeeding months of trench work, however, with the excellent if sometimes trying variety of experience that the Third Brigade was fortunate enough to obtain, all those small differences were wiped out.

Now in spite of the addition of many new drafts and of numerous changes in the personnel of the officers, instead of being weary and dispirited after long service at the front the 48th is fresher than ever, consolidated and unified with a strong regimental spirit. It is not now quite so much the 48th Toronto, but it is the 48th of Canada and Flanders—a battalion with an enviable war record and a war spirit.

## STILL AT THE FRONT



Members of the 91st Regiment, Canadian Highlanders of Hamilton, in The Canadian Scottish

For all this we have to thank in the first place the non-commissioned officers and men, both of the new drafts and of the old regiment, for the splendid manner in which they have put aside everything personal and worked together for the credit and honour of the 48th. The many new officers who came out a year ago generously threw  
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## ROYAL MONTREAL REGT HOLDS FIELD DAY

Showery weather did not mar the field day given by the 14th Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment, on the afternoon of the 8th inst. Though old Jupiter Pluvius tried his best to dampen the spirits of the contestants, he was unsuccessful and the various events were run off without a hitch. There was a large attendance of spectators, including Lt.-Gen. Sir Edwin Alderson, K.C.B., and several officers from the 3rd Brigade staff and battalions. The band of the 2nd Infantry Brigade rendered an excellent programme that was greatly appreciated and added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

A well contested game of soccer resulted in the eleven of the Grenadier Guards winning from the 14th by a score of 1-0.

Several good boxing bouts were staged including lightweight, welterweight and heavyweight events, and the exhibitions of the manly art provided clean sport. In the lightweight class Pte. Jones gained the decision over Pte. Norman, both of the 14th, after three well contested rounds. The  
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