

RECRUITS POURING IN TO FILL VACANCIES

Two Battalions Will Mobilize This Week

Fifty-seven Prisoners of War Are Being Guarded by Company of 48th Highlanders at Stanley Barracks— Girls Enthusiastic for Rifle.

It has now been definitely decided that the two battalions from the second military division will mobilize on Friday and Saturday of this week. Practically everything is in readiness and the work of hard training will begin at once.

The 48th Highlanders enrolled twenty recruits last night. Recruits in this and the other regiments are pouring in in sufficient quantities to fill the vacancies caused by the overseas contingents.

Nationalities in Highlanders.

The various nationalities represented in the Highlanders' contingent are: English 62, Scottish 38, Canadian 37, (Newfoundland 2), Irish 10, Welsh 1. It is pointed out that while the average age ranges round twenty-four, the majority of volunteers of other than Canadian birth have resided in Canada for periods ranging from ten to one or two years, while many have been in the country almost since their birth.

Forty-six fresh recruits joined the Q. O. R. last night and large numbers are enrolling with the Royal Grenadiers, Officers' and N.C.O.'s classes are busily at work in all regiments.

Lieut. Millicent and six men of the C. H. S. C. go to the Exhibition Grounds to-day to issue supplies and prepare ovens. Lieut.-Col. Cowen is lecturing to N.C.O.'s and men of the C. A. S. C. on "Duties and Discipline."

The Mississauga Horse will hold a smoking concert on Saturday night in the riding school lecture room. Several well-known vaudeville artists will be present.

Prisoners at Stanley Barracks.

Fifty-seven prisoners-of-war have been interned at Stanley Barracks up to the present. They are guarded by Capt. Wilson and a company of 48th Highlanders.

McMaster University has joined with the officers' training corps of the University of Toronto. They have 100 men drilling regularly. Wycliffe College is also expected to join, with about sixty men.

Toronto's young girls are showing a desire to smell powder. Jarvis Street Collegiate has formed a girls' rifle club, with a large membership. Miss Iva Wallace is Captain and Miss Vivian Meredith Secretary-Treasurer. The girls shoot at the Armouries on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Home Guards.

Altogether 1,780 of the Toronto Home Guards Sharpshooters' Association were at drill last night. At Bay-side Park there were 1,250 on parade, under Capt. W. T. Stewart, who put them through battalion drill. The new bugle band, with nineteen instruments was present. The balance drilled on their own grounds as follows: Automobile Company 108, Balm Beach 150, Little York 110, Wychwood 88 and West Toronto 74.

General Sir W. Otter has just been offered the Honorary Lieut.-Colonelcy of the Home Guards. Since General Otter is in charge of the registration of **alien enemies**, and in view of his connection with the Home Guards, a guard of any strength is available for garrison duty over prisoners-of-war. This would relieve the regulars for other duties.

One hundred and nine fresh recruits were sworn in last night and two squads of the signal corps, with lamps, were busy practising sending and receiving.

It is understood that negotiations with regard to Government co-operation is assured for the Home Guard.

East Toronto holds a meeting to-night at the Y. M. C. A. building, Gerrard and Main streets, to form a company for the Home Guards.