

SELECT VERNON, REJECT VERNON

Location of Summer Camp for Coast Troops is Appar- ently Not Settled as Yet.

11TH C.M.R. TO RECRUIT ALL OVER PROVINCE

Vice-Admiral Kingsmill Visits Coast on Inspection Tour.

Some one in military circles has been pulling fronds from a fern and saying, "To go or not to go," in connection with the question of moving troops to Vernon. Definite information has been received to the effect that the troops are not to go to Vernon and equally definite information has been received to the effect that they are to go. Mayor McBeath is in receipt of a telegram from Sir Robert Borden, stating that instructions have been given by the militia department that the troops will not be removed from Vancouver at present. Apparently in direct contradiction of this order the engineering corps has been ordered to go at once to Vernon for the purpose of preparing the camp site there.

In the meantime the units which are subject to a decision in the matter are left in a state of unrest, being unable to proceed properly with their work owing to the uncertainty. Many phases of the training which cannot properly be taken up in the limited space at the disposal of the troops here are being deferred in the belief that the troops will go, but the somewhat difficult work of preparation for removal has not yet been commenced.

11th C. M. R. to Front.

Definite decision has at last been made in connection with the 11th C. M. R. Battalion, and this unit, which now lacks 250 men of its complete number, will be sent to the front when the number is made up. No further delay will be permitted, and the patience of the battalion is at last to be rewarded. The battalion has been promised that the establishment of additional units in the province will not be authorized until this one is complete. The 11th C. M. R. has been patiently waiting for an opportunity to get to the front ever since the first of the war. Under recent orders from Ottawa the battalion has been given permission to draw recruits from all parts of British Columbia. The main body of the 11th is now stationed at Victoria, but a detachment, under command of Lieut. Dick Baker, is in Vancouver. Recruits for the 11th may join at any of the recruiting stations.

Vice-Admiral Kingsmill Here.

Vice-Admiral C. E. Kingsmill, director of the Naval Service of Canada, passed through Vancouver en route for Victoria, where he will confer with Rear-Admiral Story, of the naval dockyard at Esquimalt. Vice-Admiral Kingsmill is visiting the coast on his periodical tour of inspection and states that his visiting has nothing to do with recruiting for the Royal Naval Air Service, as was stated in eastern papers before his departure. He stated that the Canadian Department of Naval Service, since the outbreak of the war, has been recruiting for the Imperial Air Service, and that 200 aviators have been sent over seas. The Imperial authorities recently asked Canada to recruit an additional 50 men, of which number 30 have been secured, leaving 20 vacancies for airmen. He expects there will be no difficulty in securing the balance.

During his stay he will inspect life-saving stations on the west coast of Vancouver Island, this service being controlled by the navy department.

Lieut.-Colonel Ridgway Wilson Here.

Lieut.-Colonel Ridgway Wilson, who is in charge of the internment camps in British Columbia, arrived in Vancouver today from Victoria, on business in connection with his department. Colonel Ogilvie, who is in command of the 23rd Artillery Brigade of Western Canada, also reached the city from Calgary, where he has spent two weeks in connection with artillery matters. Colonel Ogilvie went directly from the train to the Victoria boat, holding a hurried conference with Captain Boorman, of the 68th Battery, in the few minutes at his disposal. He stated that matters were proceeding swiftly and that he expected to take his command to Petawawa Camp at an early date.