

STRAW HATS FOR THE SOLDIERS AT NIAGARA

Served Out to the Forces To-day
—Logie Back at
Camp.

RECRUITING GOING ON
Toronto District to Continue Its
Effort to Help Raise
500,000.

Niagara Camp, May 29.—The pay of the engineers will be reduced 25 cents a day. The engineers, numbering about 100 here, receive, in addition to the ordinary pay of a private soldier, which is \$1.10 a day, 25 cents extra for what is called working pay. The Militia Department proposes to take away the 25 cents a day, and therein lies the trouble. The officers, it is said, are taking the matter up with Ottawa.

There is a distinct feeling among the men that if the pay is cut down they will refuse to work, on the grounds that the department has failed to keep its contract. Their next pay is on June 5.

Lieut.-Col. R. H. Labatt has been appointed camp commandant of Niagara Camp. Major Spearing has left for **Petawawa**, where he will have charge of the transports and

supplies. While the recruiting figures show that this military district, of which Toronto is the centre, will have completed its share of the 500,000 men to be raised in the Dominion by another unit and those now recruiting are at strength, it does not mean that recruiting will be suspended. General Logie states positively that the recruiting in this military district will go straight on.

General Logie with Lieut.-Col. Bickford left for Toronto yesterday afternoon to see the artillery leave Exhibition Camp for Petawawa.

The 116th Battalion will arrive at Niagara Camp to-morrow, the 120th on Wednesday, and the 173rd on Friday. On Saturday there will be 12,000 troops under canvas. White straw hats have been distributed to the 134th and the 198th.

There are forty general service wagons and forty water carts on the way to Niagara Camp from the Militia Department at Ottawa. The water for the soldiers is treated with the ultra violet ray system and then distributed in carts. The new filter system being installed is not yet ready for use.

On Saturday Niagara Camp will have its full strength according to all indications, the total being 12,000.