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General Lessard Reviews Twenty-five Hundred of Home Guard

WILL ISSUE AMMUNITION

Machine Gun Squad Createst Interest—Mounted Men Arrive To-day

Addressing the twenty-five hundred men of Toronto's Home Guard at the Exhibition grounds on Saturday afternoon, General Lessard congratulated them on their business-like appearance and said, with reference to the association's request for arms and ammunition: "I may need to call upon you at almost any time, and so, having the necessary material on hand, I should be remiss in my duty if I did not recommend your application to the Militia Department."

New Motorcycle Gun.

One of the most interesting features of the Home Guard's parade was the motorcycle quick fire, the first of a battery of half a dozen which the Guard has secured. It is a wicked-looking coil machine gun mounted on a heavily built side car and hitched alongside a powerful two cylinder motorcycle. The side car also carries a firing tripod for the gun and fifteen thousand rounds of ammunition. The great advantage of this gun is its mobility on the field. It can be moved around at the rate of forty miles an hour, and be erected on its tripod and in action ninety seconds after the motor has been brought to a stop.

A New Departure.

Lieut. Scott, senior in charge of the battery, told The News that five more guns were now being mounted, and a new departure will be made with the next which is to be placed on a trailer instead of a sidecar. This will do away with the necessity of re-mounting the gun for firing, as supports can be let down on either side of the trailer, and a deadly stream of lead pouring from the muzzle almost before the machine has been brought to a standstill.

Advisory Committee Present.

The Home Guard's staff consist of Capt. W. T. Stewart (commanding), Major Gills, Major Muir, Capt. A. E. Hall, adjutant; Paymaster F. H. Stewart, and Quartermaster J. G. Shuter.

The following who compose the Advisory Committee of the Home Guards, were present: Sir Edmund Osler, Sir William Meredith, Sir Donald Mann, W. K. McNaught, W. K. George, Cawthra Mulock, W. S. Dinnick, Controller McCarthy (representing the Mayor), and J. B. Clarke, K.C.

The flag at the Home Guards' Armories is flying at half mast as a tribute to the late Lady Otter.

The advance guard of the regiment of mounted rifles, which is being raised in Ontario, reached camp to-day. Col. W. C. V. Chadwick will be in command of this force, which corresponds to the mounted infantry regiments in the British Army, now proving so useful on the continent. Preparations for the accommodation of this force, at the Exhibition Grounds are already complete. The men will be housed in the live stock building.

Very Few Discords.

Of the two infantry battalions in the encampment less than six per cent. have been rejected as physically unfit, and of these hundred and seventy-nine men, only twenty-nine were turned down for defective teeth. These defects, it is understood, are to be remedied free of charge to the soldiers, the dental associations of Toronto and Ontario having signified their willingness to give all assistance possible. Col. J. T. Fotheringham will be in charge of the medical department of the overseas force.

Four hundred science students, belonging to the officers' training corps of the University, fought a sham battle in the Don Valley on Saturday, part of their equipment being a complete field cooking equipment, from which both friend and foe obtained lunch before the commencement of hostilities.

Two Church Parades.

Divine service in the Transportation Building was attended by men of both battalions in camp yesterday morning when Rev. J. R. McLean, assisted by other chaplains, officiated. Music was supplied by the band of the 10th-Royal Grenadiers. Church Parade for the Roman Catholics was held in the Dairy Building when Archbishop McNeil addressed the men. In the afternoon a concert was held in the Transportation building.