

STREAM OF MEN, FLOW OF MONEY, GLADDENS VERNON

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars a Month or More Expended There While Camp Lasts.

VERNON, B. C., June 5.—Into this vale of big red apples and fat, sleek Holsteins and Jerseys there is being poured a tremendous stream of men and money.

It was estimated today that so long as the soldiers stay here, and their stay is dependent only on the duration of the war, there will be expended in Vernon or through Vernon \$300,000 and more each and every month.

The camp itself will represent the investment of thousands of dollars. Bel tents and cots and blankets cost money and there are hundreds and thousands of accoutrements, uniforms and mountains of equipment to supply the soldiers.

Planning the Camp.

Some of the best military brains in the whole country are directing the construction of the camp. Tents are being strung up at a great rate and each one of these tents contains on an average of 10 men. The tents are designed to give sleeping room to 21 men, but if ever they are so crowded it will necessitate the men sleeping with only a few inches between each other, feet to pole and heads to the edge of the camp.

Preparations for the men's comfort and sanitary conveniences are well advanced. The Young Men's Christian Association has sent Mr. A. H. Sovereign from New Westminster here. Mr. Sovereign is a physical director and leader. His own work will consist of athletic instruction and social work. He has friends with the British soldiers in the trenches and he says that the Germans have sent seven Y. M. C. A. men into their trenches.

Will Entertain Soldiers.

to help entertain the soldiers. Some of the townspeople have opened their houses to officers and men and numerous dances and entertainments are planned.

The arrival of so many thousands of men in the town has brought a new social problem to Vernon, one that it never had to consider before. But Vernon has grappled with its problem bravely and thinks that it has solved it effectually.

There will be long days of training for the men and long nights of preparation for the grim battles to come, but there is a social side to the lives of the men and as long as they stay in Vernon they will be cared for and treated with the best possible courtesy by all Vernon.

The soldiers seem to view their new camp with a great deal of pleasure. It is open country and the outlook from any point is magnificent though limited by the mountains which surround both training camp, internment camp and the town.