

SUSPECTED A SPY IN WOMEN'S RANKS

Women Volunteers Feared Ger- man Agent Operating in Disguise

SUSPICION ILL-FOUNDED

69th to Send Another Draft to Valcartier—Preparations for Laval Stationary Hospital

So far as can be gathered by the officers of Mr. C. G. Ogden, K.C., Registrar of Enemy Aliens, and the Military Secret Service, there are no German spies working in the ranks of the Montreal Women Volunteers under Lt.-Col. C. E. A. Patterson, J.P. This suspicion caused considerable excitement yesterday, but investigation has shown that all fears were unwarranted.

Yesterday morning Lt.-Col. Patterson reported to Mr. Ogden that it was suspected that a man, dressed as a woman, had been drilling with the Women Volunteers. The O.C. of the Women Volunteers further reported that it was suspected that this person was a German spy, disguised as a Montreal Woman Volunteer. Suspicions were deepened by the fact that the lady in question could play a bugle, and was also something of an acrobat.

Investigations were at once started by Mr. Ogden. An Inspector from Col. Sherwood's staff was sent to the address given, and the matter was closely looked into.

A report was yesterday handed in by the Inspector to Lt.-Col. Burns, which quieted all fears. The Inspector, in terse military language, set forth that after thorough investigation he was convinced that the suspected person was a woman, and that she was not a German subject, nor a spy.

With these facts definitely settled it is expected that the work of the Women Volunteers will go ahead, although they will probably lose one volunteer.