

# MANY TRAINED MEN JOINING 148TH

## Advantage of Cadet and C.O. T.C. Service Shown in N.C.O. Class

### A PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR

#### Mr. Hay Finlay Resigns from Y.M.C.A. to Join New Bat- talion—Bellicose Austrian Booked for Internment

It was stated yesterday at headquarters of the 148th Battalion that a remarkable feature of the recruiting for the N.C.O. class was the number of men offering who had secured their military experience either shortly before the outbreak of the war, or since then. Many of the men had secured their training with the C.O.T.C., or the McGill Auxiliary, but a number of others have joined either cadet battalions, or have served with active militia units long enough to get a good grounding in their drill.

This is making the work of organizing the N.C.O. class comparatively easy, since most of the men already know a good deal of their drill, and now have to only polish it up and do the requisite studying. The usefulness of this previous training is made the more apparent, since Brig.-General Wilson has insisted that all battalions organizing shall get their officers, administration officers and N.C.O. classes in good working order before they are allowed to start recruiting. The necessity for this was found in Ontario, where a number of battalions started out recruiting at once, and got into a tangle, with several hundred recruits, and neither organization nor N.C.O.'s to handle the men.

Steady work is being done by the 148th to get in shape for their recruiting campaign. Among the recent recruits for the N.C.O. class are: A. F. Atkins, from the Highland Cadets; Edward Percy, Highland Cadets; John T. A. Graham, 3rd Victoria Rifles; Frank A. Clark, 5th Royal Highlanders; Henry A. Robinson, 58th Westmount Rifles; Charles P. Morgan, C.O.T.C., qualified as musketry instructor; Alfred J. F. Binns, Westmount Rifles.

#### Y.M.C.A. PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR.

Another welcome addition to the N.C.O. class yesterday was Mr. Hay Finlay, who has resigned his duties as physical instructor at the Central Y.M.C.A. to join the 148th. It is expected that Finlay will become physical instructor to the battalion later on. He has had good military training, as he served for three years with the 9th Edinburgh Royal Scots, coming to Canada five years ago.

#### AUSTRIAN INTERNED.

An Austrian named Wasili Russi was yesterday interned at the alien enemy prison on St. Antoine street for conduct unbecoming an enemy allowed out on parole. Russi had been reported to the Registrar of Alien Enemies, and for some time had been allowed his liberty, reporting regularly, as he had a job. The New Year's relaxation, however, proved too much for him, and he started to behave in a disorderly manner, denouncing the Government, and tearing up his parole card. He was arrested, turned over by the police to the Alien Enemy officers, and will leave with the next batch of prisoners for Spirit Lake.

#### BONAPARTE FOR OVERSEAS.

One of the recent recruits with No. 5 Universities Overseas Co. is E. P. Bonaparte, who came here from the West. He is a member of the famous Bonaparte family of Corsica, from which the famous Napoleon sprang. The Company is rapidly gaining in strength, with 215 men now on the rolls, so that only about 40 more are needed.