

10,000 TROOPS AT NIAGARA UNDER CANVAS THIS WEEK

Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Windeyer Camp Commandant Over Toronto Troops in Barracks—General Logie and Colonel Campbell Visit Kapuskasing Camp—Headquarters Staff at Niagara.

Niagara camp opens officially to-day. The upper storey of the Administration Building at Exhibition camp is deserted. Brig.-Gen. W. A. Logie, and Col. J. S. Campbell have gone up to Kapuskasing camp, and will arrive at Niagara-on-the-Lake about Wednesday. At Niagara-on-the-Lake are Col. S. Mewburn, A.A.G., Lt.-Col. H. C. Osborne, quartermaster-general of this military district; Lt.-Col. H. C. Bickford, senior staff officer; Major Warren, who is acting in the place of Lt.-Col. Marlowe, assistant director of medical service, and the members of the staffs of the various departments. The staff of Major G. Milson, A.D. of S. and T., are at Niagara, and the major will follow them this week-end. Major G. H. Williams, senior chaplain, will go to Niagara camp on Wednesday. The only staffs left at headquarters now are those of Lt.-Col. R. C. Windeyer, the casualty paymaster's department, and the staff of the paymaster of this military district, Lt.-Col. Forbes.

On the door of the office of Lt.-Col. Windeyer are the words "camp commandant." This in token of the G.O.C., Brig.-Gen. Logie, having taken his headquarters elsewhere. Capt. R. U. S. Burton, of the 8th Battalion, is acting adjutant to the camp commandant. Lt.-Col. Labatt, one of the general staff officers, is on duty with Lt.-Col. Windeyer. Col. Labatt is taking the place of Lt.-Col. J. S. Campbell, until he returns from the north. Then Colonel Labatt will proceed to Niagara.

"Ex." Camp Will Be Full.

The troops in Toronto barracks are now under the command of Lt.-Col. Windeyer and Lt.-Col. J. S. Campbell. Camp orders relative to the troops here will be issued every day, in a similar fashion to those issued by Brig.-Gen. Logie for the whole district. There will be as many troops at Exhibition camp during the next month as at any time this winter.

There has been no further information obtained as yet regarding the five battalions (in addition to the eight named) which may go to the camp at Niagara. The official order of the Militia Department directs that 12,000 troops shall be quartered there. The eight units ordered to Niagara, with the addition of the C. A.S.C., A.M.C., Canadian Dragoons, and military police, etc., will amount to about 10,000 troops. There is an expectancy that the original tentative arrangements for thirteen units at Niagara-on-the-Lake will be carried out.

By this week-end the following eight units, in all, 10,000 officers and men, will be in camp at Niagara. The first date shows when the advance parties proceed to Niagara, the second date when the battalion follows:

| | May | May |
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| 98th | 17 | 18 |
| 123rd | 17 | 18 |
| 124th | 17 | 18 |
| 126th | 18 | 19 |
| 134th | 15 | 16 |
| 147th | 18 | 19 |
| 169th | 16 | 17 |
| 119th | 19 | 20 |

The 134th will leave Exhibition Camp on Thursday, and the 169th on Friday. The 166th, under Lieut.-Col. Le Vesconte, will take the quarters of the 134th at Exhibition Camp, and the 180th (Sportsmen's) Battalion will take the quarters vacated by the 169th at Exhibition Camp.

To Camp Borden in June.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Windeyer, camp commandant, will have under his command at Exhibition Camp, when the two units leave for Niagara, the 95th, 97th, 84th, 166th, and 180th, in addition to the others in various parts of the city in barracks. He states that the troops in Toronto barracks, which are not going to Niagara, will stay in Toronto until Borden Camp is ready to receive them. Asked how long that would be, the colonel said he didn't know, but it was expected to be some time in June.

Camp Sergeant-Major Fred Hargreaves is acting provost marshal for Toronto barracks. The sergeant-major is all alone for the present in the upper storey of the Administration Building at the Exhibition Camp. Provost Marshal Widgery went to Niagara Camp on Saturday.

Picket System Changed.

Sergeant-Major Hargreaves has changed the pickets down town. Instead of a picket of one officer and 60 men patrolling from Shuter street to Front street, there will be two pickets of 25 men each, one will patrol from Shuter to Queen street on Yonge, and the other from Queen street to Adelaide on Yonge street. Other smaller pickets will carry on the work outside of this zone. The number altogether is not decreased. Yesterday there was not one arrest by the military police.

To-day the "ghost walks" at Exhibition Camp. The 84th, 134th, 95th, 97th are being paid; the 169th were paid on Saturday. Over 6,000 soldiers receive their pay to-day.

Presentation of Flags.

Lady Aberdeen will present the Royal and regimental flags to the 86th Machine Gun Battalion of Ham-

ilton to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in Victoria Park, Hamilton.

The colors are the gift of Mrs. Sandford of Hamilton. Major Williams, senior chaplain, will conduct the sacred part of the ceremonial.

There were three deaths during the week-end in this military district. Capt. E. J. Kylie passed away at Owen Sound hospital. Pte. R. Staples of the 169th Battalion took sick on Saturday, and passed away at Exhibition Camp this morning of pneumonia. Pte. Staples was 17 years of age, lived at 29 Taylor street, and was a shoemaker for base company of the 169th. Arrangements for a military funeral will be made by Lieut.-Col. Jesse Wright, O.C. of the unit he belonged to. The third death was that of Pte. J. R. Rolledge of the 127th Battalion. He was 35 years of age, an electrician by trade, and unmarried. He entered the camp hospital on May 4, and succumbed to pneumonia. His funeral will take place at Oakridges, Ont., which is his home. The arrangements for the firing squad and escort will be made by the officers of the 127th. Pte. Rolledge had a year's service with the 12th York Rangers to his credit.

The Sons of England are to have a big parade on Sunday the 25th. The organization claims that there are 3,700 of their members on active service. Lieut.-Col. Windeyer announces to-day that permission will be given to the members of the Sons of England who are in barracks in Toronto to parade on Sunday with the organization.

Major-General H. Smith, with Lieut.-Col. Forbes and Langton of the Court of Inquiry into the affairs of the 84th Battalion, were in session all day yesterday. It is expected that the inquiry will proceed for a few days more before a report can be made to the Militia Department at Ottawa. The inquiry is proceeding to-day.

Farewell March of 95th.

On account of the rain the 95th Battalion postponed their farewell march until to-morrow, when they will leave the Exhibition Grounds at 10 o'clock. They will march along King, up Simcoe, and along Queen street to the City Hall, where the Mayor will receive them. About 11 o'clock they will continue on their way to Riverdale Park, via Yonge, King, and Broadview. Here they intend to have a happy day, including games and a baseball match, not to mention dinner. In the afternoon they will march back.

Bufs Get Sergeant-Major.

An experienced sergeant-major arrived in Toronto to-day for the 198th Canadian Bufs in the person of Sergt.-Major Burke, who served 22 years in the British and Australian armies.

He holds the South African medals with four bars. In 1882 he was present at the battle of Tel-el-kebir for which he has a bar on his Egyptian medal, as well as the Khedive Star. In addition he has long service and good conduct medals. He enlisted with an Australian unit at the outbreak of war and was sent to England with a training unit. Col. Cooper secured his services with the help of a military friend in England.

Presentation of Cups.

To-morrow at noon, on the City Hall steps, representatives of the different battalions will be presented with the cups and prizes their athletic prowess secured at the military carnival staged by the 204th Beaver Battalion at the Island on Saturday. Ward One is still leading in the Beaver race, though Ward Six is creeping up. Both districts will soon see the culmination of their hopes, the raising of a complete company. The parade strength of the battalion is now 846.

Music for the Irish.

The 208th Irish Battalion are very proud of the first showing of their "baby" brass band on their church parade yesterday. They are quite sure they made the air harmonious. Their new bandmaster, David Chisholm, although a Scotchman, born in Selkirk, is not too proud to play and fight with the Irish. He has had lots of experience not only in the Q. O. R. and Grenadier's band, but also in Shea's orchestra, of which he was a member for four years. Last season, he was a member of the Toronto Symphony Band that played at Scarborough Beach. The Irish to-day are also proud of the fact that they won the competition at the Island on Saturday for marching without rifles. They are threatening what they mean to do in the way of breaking records when they are able to take their men from recruiting and get down to serious training.

Few Recruits Saturday.

The percentage of rejections on Saturday was high, although the number of recruits obtained was low. Out of 82 men offering, only 38 were attested. The strengths of the six battalions recruiting with these recruits included are as follows: Mississaugas, 848; Bufs, 866; Beavers, 845; Irish-Canadians, 643; Bantams, 527; Toronto Light Infantry, 475.

EMULATES FAMOUS DUCHESS

Mrs. Ambrose Small Offers to Kiss New Recruits for "Fighting Irish."

Jean, Duchess of Gordon, helped