

GENERAL HUGHES SENDS GREETINGS

Militia Minister's New Year's Wishes Couched in Scots Poetry

CAVALRY FOR SHERBROOKE

Exhibition Buildings Secured For Mounted Rifles—New Detention Camp for Enemy Aliens in Nor. Quebec

"Here's to the soldier who bled;
To the sailor who bravely did fa';
Their fame is alive, tho' their spirits
have fled,

On the wings of the year that's
awa'."

Sam Hughes,

Major-General.

The New Year, 1915.

This is the New Year's card that Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, has sent to the officers of the Canadian militia, with the additional motto, "A good New Year to one and all of Canada's Citizen Soldiers."

The citizen soldiery, both officers and men, received the message from General Hughes with pleasure, and many good wishes were sent back to the Minister of Militia from the commanding officers of the battalions, both those for active service and the home battalions. The Highland regiments especially appreciated the accent embodied in the message coming from an Irish-Canadian Minister of Militia.

TO MOBILIZE MOUNTED.

It was announced yesterday afternoon by Col. E. W. Wilson that the Militia Department had decided to take the Exhibition Buildings at Sherbrooke for the mobilization of the 5th Mounted Rifles. This is the Mounted Rifle Regiment for the third contingent, which will be organized under Lieut.-Col. G. H. Baker.

It will probably be a fortnight or more before recruiting for this regiment starts, as the buildings will require considerable attention before they are in shape for occupancy by the men and their horses. The buildings were inspected last week by Lieut.-Col. Baker, with Lieut.-Col. W. J. Stewart, of the C.A.S.C. and other officers, as a result of which they were recommended as suitable quarters for the training of the mounted regiment.

Work will start at once getting the quarters into shape, and as soon as this is done, recruiting will start. Two squadrons will be raised in the province of Quebec, and one squadron from the Maritime Provinces, and it is expected that as soon as the quarters are ready the regiment will be recruited, comprising 500 men and horses.

NEW CAMP FOR ALIENS.

Arrangements are being made to start a new detention camp for enemy aliens in Quebec province. This will be established about 150 miles east of Cochrane station, on the National Transcontinental. This camp is being arranged on a very careful basis. The enemy aliens will be taken there, so far away from civilization that they cannot make any trouble, and as a further precaution the Austrians will be put in one camp and the Germans in another. All the men will be put to work clearing up the bush, and will be given regular wages, their pay amounting to about 25 cents a day, in addition to subsistence and clothing. They will be under regular discipline, and at the particular spot in which they are to be interned, it is not thought that they will spend their pay in riotous living.

The camp will be in charge of Major Eugene Bourassa, of the 85th Regiment, while the commissariat and other work will be looked after by Captain R. Kane, of the C.A.S.C. The military party will leave here tomorrow evening, with 25 men from the composite battalion now on duty at the High School Annex. It is understood that these men will be selected from the Highlanders' section of the battalion, but that they will not wear kilts, out of respect for the northern climate. While there are few enemy aliens to be taken from here for the detention camp, a number will be sent on from Kingston.

At first the military guard will have to live in tents, but as soon as the prisoners start their work, they will be engaged in clearing off the land, and in building huts for the accommodation of the troops and themselves, so that by spring it is considered that the aliens will have done considerable work toward preparing the Canadian wilderness for civilized exploitation. The capacity of the camp is planned for about a thousand prisoners, but with the expanse of unoccupied territory in the district, it can be enlarged to an indefinite extent, with the probability that a number of the enemy aliens now at Petawawa will be transferred there.