

# POOR TREATMENT GIVEN AT CAMP PETAWAWA

## Men Forced to Eat All Meals in the Open Air, Rain or Shine —Not a Tent Provided.

A letter complaining of the treatment accorded the privates at Petawawa was received by the Mayor this morning from a prominent Toronto business man, whose son is now at the camp. He bitterly scores the authorities for the manner in which the soldiers are being treated. He says in part:

"Rain or shine, the men eat their meals in the open. All the food that can melt disappears quickly before a broiling sun, while it is almost impossible to eat during a rain storm. Yet rain or shine, the men must eat without any cover over their heads for themselves or the food. During a review held recently, they were forced to stand in a violent rain storm for fifteen minutes before they were ordered to put on their great-coats, and by that time they were soaked to the skin.

"That is no way to encourage recruiting any more than the proceedings at Camp Borden during the past few days. The excuse the officers give is that they cannot get tents, but, in a lumber country such as ours, there is no reason why timber should not be secured for a roof over the heads of the men while they are eating."