

# CHANCE TO FIGHT

## WEARING THE KILT

253rd Queen's Highland Battalion Recruiting Vigorously in Ottawa—Kingston is Headquarters.

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An active recruiting campaign for men has been started in the Capital by the 253rd Queen's Highland Battalion, with headquarters at Kingston and an invitation is extended broadcast through the Dominion to any Scotchman who would like to go into action wearing the kilts and accompanied by the pipes. Officers and men are to be enlisted all over the Dominion and each district will have a representative officer appointed to the battalion. Preference

will be given to experienced officers who have had active service or former training.

Headquarters have been established at Kingston and to date there are some 100 men in training with the ranks filling speedily. The campaign has just started and it is expected that this opportunity to join a Scotch unit and one which will wear the beloved kilt, will not be ignored by the young men of the Dominion today.

Officer commanding the unit is Lieut.-Col. P. G. C. Campbell. He is Canadian born, but of Highland Scotch descent. He received his final education at Edinburgh University and was noted for his participation in sports of all natures. For several years he held the chair in Romance languages. At the outbreak of war he offered his services to his country and for some little time was officer commanding the Officers Training Corps at Queen's University. In the spring of 1916, when Lieut.-Col. Fee relinquished his command to take over the Fort Henry Internment Camp, Col. Campbell was appointed in his place with the rank of major. In October last he was given the command of the 253rd with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Col. Campbell is well known in Ottawa and the Ottawa district.

#### Two Ottawa Officers.

Two other officers well known in the Capital are attached to the 253rd, Captain Grant, formerly connected with the National Cash Register Co., and a member of St. Andrew's Society, and Lieut. A. J. Macmillan, son of Dr. A. J. Macmillan, 206 James street. Lieut. Macmillan has been in the overseas forces for a year or more and is on the 3rd draft of officers and expects to leave for overseas shortly. This draft will be drawn from all over Canada.

The 253rd Battalion is opening a recruiting office on Somerset street, near Rochester, in addition to the office already opened on Bank street, between Albert and Queen streets, and their choice location in Captain Thoburn's Base Recruiting Office, Sparks street.

Winter dress for this unit will be khaki kilts with puttees, while in the summer the tartan kilt will be worn with leather sporran; a Balmoral cap with red feather and tartan hose tops with drab spats. Tunic buttons, for both officers and men, will bear the battalion crest. This unit calls to a Scotchman's heart and a ready response is expected in the weeks to come.