

CONCENTRATION CAMP OPENS WITH 1,400 MEN

Stirring Scenes as City and County Troops Rendez- vous and Go to Scene of Rigorous Drill at Long Branch—Like a Garrison Town

On fifty acres of land adjoining the Rifle Ranges at Long Branch, a city of tents sprang up in a few hours yesterday, when upwards of 1,400 men of the Toronto militia, selected for service overseas, went under canvas at the concentration camp, to undergo several weeks of rigorous training before being transferred to the final training camp at Valcartier. The spot selected for the camp is ideal. High and dry, and far from any city distractions, the site selected would seem to answer the purpose exactly. The camp stretches from the Lake Shore road to the waters of the lake.

Highlanders First to Arrive.

The 48th Highlanders were the first to arrive on the scene yesterday over 570 strong. They entrained at the foot of Simcoe street at 3 o'clock, and marched into camp half an hour afterwards to the stirring tunes of the bagpipes. Arrayed in their kilts, with khaki helmets and jackets, the regiment presented a fine appearance. Trousers will be exchanged for the picturesque but less serviceable kilts when they go to Valcartier.

The Royal Grenadiers, 170 strong, arrived about 6 o'clock in full service uniforms, having marched to Sunnyside and taken the car from there.

Rangers' Long March.

The 12th York Rangers were the last to arrive, having footed it all the way from the Armouries. The regiment comprised 360 men, under the command of Colonel A. G. Nichol. The men were in splendid condition after their long tramp. Not a man fell out during the march, which occupied them about four hours. In addition to these three regiments, the camp comprises 100 men of the Mississauga Horse, serving as infantry, and 120 of the Governor-General's Body Guard. The Army Service Corps and the Army Medical Corps were also represented by an officer and eight men each.

Cooking stoves, baggage and kit of all descriptions was strewn about the place. It was impossible to get the commissariat working yesterday, the men being fed outside the camp by a catering firm.

Strict Military Rule.

The officers propose to make conditions as rigorous as possible. The strictest military discipline will be enforced. Any civilian attempting to enter the lines will be promptly run into the guardroom by the sentries. Sick men will be brought to the city, although there will be medical officers attached to the regiments to care for emergency cases.

Rigorous Tactics.

Extended order and route-marching will play an important part in the training, while the usual battle tactics and extensive musketry practice at the ranges will occupy considerable time. It would seem that ideal conditions will prevail for giving the Toronto regiments a thorough preliminary toughening.

Colonel J. A. Currie of the 48th Highlanders will be in supreme command of the camp, while Major W. F. Sweeny and Major F. H. Dixon will be his Chiefs of Staff.

Rendezvous at Armouries.

From every point of the far-flung boundaries of the city troopers wended their way to the Armouries yesterday morning. Singly, in twos and threes and in groups, some in uniform and most in mufti, some with a certain amount of kit and others just as they stood, all poured in a continuous stream to the Armouries as a mustering-point.

In addition to the corps leaving for Long Branch, the following also marched to Stanley Barracks: 9th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, 200 men; 18th Field Ambulance, 131 men; Queen's Own Rifles, 100 men, in all 431 troops.

Thirty men of the No. 1 Clearing Hospital left for Welland, and 20 men of the Royal Grenadiers are guarding the Island wireless station.

Instruction for Recruits.

The Armouries were practically deserted yesterday until evening. Some troops of the Signal Corps occupied the main floor, for drill, and a few of the map-reading squad were also in evidence. A few of the Royal Canadian Engineers were at drill, and some of the No. 1 Clearing Hospital men were drawn up for instruction. A small detachment of the motorcyclist squad were also instructed during the afternoon.

The second Field Company of the Royal Engineers have arranged to leave for Valcartier on Wednesday. They will number about 200 men. Captain Irving will probably be in command.

There is some talk of the Royal Grenadiers and the Queen's Own Rifles combining for overseas service into one regiment, but inquiries elicited no definite information as to what will ultimately happen.

Like a Garrison Town.

The city streets were dotted here and there yesterday with men, singly and in groups, garbed in full military dress, all hastening to the Armouries at street car stops and in every crowd



MAJOR DOUGLAS D. YOUNG
Of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.
"B" Squadron of the Dragoons, numbering 100 men, left Toronto on Sunday night for Quebec.

of civilians, not to mention the doors of their homes, where many a really sad parting took place, these men, in full military garb, drew the attention of passersby.

A Touch of Romance.

Prosaic as the war preparations are, they have not been without their touch of romance. Faced with the possibility of an untimely end in troubled Europe, Dr. H. E. W. Richardson, of Bloor street, snatching the last opportunity left to him, was married on Saturday to Miss Norma Florence Johnson, the well-known pianist and associate of the Metropolitan College of Music. Dr. Richardson is a Captain in the 9th Field Battery, Royal Field Artillery, and is proceeding to the front.

An almost similar eleventh-hour marriage was that of Major C. J. Swadding, a former reservist of London, England, to Miss Forrester, formerly Nurse Forrester of the Infants' Home. The Major tried to transfer to the Canadian corps of the Medical Staff, so that Miss Forrester could go with him as nurse. Failing in his application, he and Miss Forrester decided to marry and go to the front at their own expense.

University Volunteers.

A number of University men have volunteered to go to the front. A plan is being formed amongst those who remain behind to revive the old idea of having University companies in the various city regiments. Graduates and undergraduates interested are holding a meeting in the round room of the main University building on Tuesday evening to discuss the plan, with a view to immediate action. Dr. J. T. Fotheringham will preside.

For Highlander Recruits.

An arrangement has been made by the 48th Highlanders to have the orderly room open daily and in the evening to receive recruits. An officer, two sergeants and a medical officer will be in attendance. Any young men desiring to join are requested to attend in the Armouries. Immediately after passing all recruits will be sent to Long Branch.

Medical Corps at Welland.

Thirty-two members of the Army Medical Corps left last night for the Welland Canal for duty. They relieve the first section of the corps which was put on duty several days ago. Some of the men are going to the front and will return when the regiments are ordered to Quebec.