

CANADIAN FORCES ARE MANOEUVRING ALONG FRONTIER

Concentration of Troops in the
Welland District Being
Worked Out.

COL. LOGIE AND STAFF INSPECT

There was considerable bustle and excitement in military circles to-day when it was announced that a concentration of all the forces in the locality of the American border was being carried out in the Welland district. This movement of troops is for tactical purposes only, and forms another one of the military manoeuvres which have been so successfully carried out regularly in past weeks.

Col. W. A. Logie, commander of the Exhibition camp, and also of Military Division No. 2, which includes the Welland district, left for Welland this afternoon to inspect the forces guarding the Welland Canal. He was accompanied by Major H. C. Bickford, general staff officer.

The purpose of the inspection is to test the efficiency of the men guarding the canal and also their equipment.

A guard was placed on the canal shortly after war broke out, and Lieut.-Col. W. H. Ptolemy was placed in charge. Later Col. Ptolemy was placed in charge of the alien bureau for the district and Lieut.-Col. F. Ross, of Hamilton, was given command of the canal. When he resigned the command passed to Col. Campbell, who is now in charge.

All Automobiles Commissioned.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 17.--What is termed a tactical concentration is taking place in the Niagara district this afternoon. It is a test to see how quickly troops could be mobilized to defend the Niagara peninsula against an attack of an enemy. All the soldiers have been rushed to a given point, and, in fact, the whole military organization put into action.

The movement of troops caused the usual stories of a German invasion by way of Buffalo, and the newspaper office telephones were kept busy answering enquiries by alarmed folk. One detail of to-day's manoeuvres consisted in all the automobiles in St. Catharines being rushed on prearranged plan to a given point to convey imaginary troops to the border.