

TWO NEW BATTALIONS TO START RECRUITING

Highlanders and Queen's Own Commence To-morrow

236 ENLISTED YESTERDAY

**Toronto Sportsmen to Raise Battalion
Commanded by County Crown At-
torney "Dick" Greer—Kapuskasing
Camp an Interesting Place.**

Two hundred and thirty-six men enlisted for active service yesterday, 123 of whom were attached to the 124th Battalion, thus bringing Lieut.-Col. Vaux Chadwick's "Pals" up to within 26 of the 1,200 goal aimed at. The 124th will conclude its recruiting to-day, leaving the course clear for the Queen's Own and the 48th Highlanders on Wednesday morning.

The New Battalions.

Lieut.-Col. Le Vesconte and Lieut. Col. Duncan Donald both declare that there is no race on between them in the raising of their battalions. Col. Donald is quite complacent, and says he is by no means in a hurry; he is content to be the tortoise and let Col. Le Vesconte assume the role of the hare. "I am depending upon the record of the regiment," said Col. Donald. "The 48th Highlanders have sent as many men as any other regiment to the front. I have no doubt about being able to raise the battalion, and I'm not caring whether it takes two or four weeks to do it."

There will nevertheless be a keen interest displayed in the raising of the 166th (Queen's Own) and the 134th (Highlanders) Battalions, which will commence recruiting to-morrow morning. A little healthy competition between the two units will give zest to the officers and men and create a greater public interest in the progress of recruiting.

The Sportsmen's Battalion.

Toronto sportsmen are to raise a battalion under the command of County Crown Attorney Richard H. Greer, President of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association. Authorization of the Sportsmen's Battalion was announced yesterday by Gen. Logie, and it is understood that a large number of the members of the association will enlist.

Back to Allen Enemies' Camp.

Major Royce will leave this morning for Kapuskasing internment camp, of which he is commander. He will take with him Lieut. Pike of the Queen's Own as Paymaster and about 30 men to replace those who have been attached to overseas units.

"There is no grippe at Kapuskasing," said Major Royce to a reporter for *The Globe*. "We never have anybody in the hospital up there. The air is clear and bright, and the sunsets are wonderful. You would think the whole forest was on fire."

"Are there any wolves up there?" asked *The Globe* man.

"Yes; there are *gloves* about four miles north. They never trouble us. There are some fine moose and plenty of rabbits."

The prisoners work at lumbering, and there is a big sawmill which turns out thousands of feet of lumber per day. Other men work at the laying out of the site of MacPherson City, which is almost complete. Maj. Royce believes it will be a prosperous country some day. The soil is clay loam and good for farming. The stumps are easily removed after cutting.

Highlanders' New Gymnasium.

The 92nd Highlander Battalion, quartered at Riverdale Barracks, have taken over the old Y. M. C. A. building on Yonge street for recreation purposes. The building provides ample room for gymnastics and for indoor lectures which is lacking at the barracks.

Italian Reservists.

Italians enlisting in the Canadian forces must present to the recruiting officer a certificate from an Italian Consul stating that they are exempt from military service in Italy. The fact that they are serving with the allied forces does not exempt Italian Reservists from penalty for desertion from the Italian army. All commanding officers are notified that they will be held responsible to see that this regulation is complied with in the case of all men of Italian nationality.

The first tactical scheme for the new year will be carried out on Friday next in the district of the Humber, Lieut.-Col. Labatt, who is Chief of Staff during the absence of Col Bickford, is busy preparing plans for this mimic warfare.

Simcoe County Battalion.

Simcoe County Battalion (157th) has completed its recruiting. There has been a race between Welland and Simcoe in the raising of their respective units, both having started at the same time. Simcoe has finished first, under the leadership of the Commander, Lieut.-Col. D. H. McLaren. The county will at once proceed with the recruiting of the new battalion just authorized.

Major O'Brien Resigns.

Major A. H. O'Brien, who was recently appointed Second in Command of the 114th Battalion, has been permitted to resign his position.

Army Service Corps Lectures.

The Army Service Corps N. C. O.'s class started the six weeks' course last night at the Armouries, with Major C. Wilcox, W. O., as drill instructor. Lectures on supply and transport will commence on Friday evening next under Major J. C. Allan. Lectures will also be given later by Capt. A. D. A. Mason on interior economy and military law. These lectures will be concluded within six weeks.

Major Christie "on the Ball."

Major R. J. Christie will enter upon his full duties as commander of the Recruiting Depot to-day, in succession to Lieut.-Col. Letrand Reed.

Capt. Fred. Denison of the Body Guards has been recommended by Lieut.-Col. Vaux Chadwick as an officer of the 124th (Pals) Battalion.

Appointed Junior Major.

Lieut. W. T. Bleakley, formerly of the 4th Battalion, has been appointed Junior Major of the 126th Battalion, and Lieuts. G. P. Richardson and C. F. W. Duff have been appointed as Subalterns.