

PLATOON OF POLES FOR THE FORESTERS

No More Buglers Wanted For
This Unit; Band is
Now Filled

BUFFS GIVEN NEW HONOR

May Wear the Dragon of Parent
Regiment, the East
Kents

The 115th Forestry Battalion now makes the announcement that they are out for a platoon of soldiers of Polish birth, and the honor of raising this branch of the unit has fallen to Mr. Kulaxun Hondzynski, of 15 St. Andrew street, who has been in this city for the past three years. Mr. Hondzynski is of high Polish birth, his grandfather having held the position of Senator for the City of Warsaw, now in the possession of the Germans. He comes from a family of landed proprietors, claiming the city of Plock as his birth-place. Mr. Hondzynski will take up his new work with the rank of Sergeant. He states that though 450 men of his nationality have already left for the fighting lines he will be able to get sixty more for the 115th.

Instructions have been received from the battalion headquarters at Ottawa for the local depot to stop signing on youths under the age of 18 for the bugle band, as it is already up to strength.

Buffs to Wear Dragon.

The 115th Battalion (Canadian Buffs) have now received permission to wear the dragon badge of their parent regiment, the Buffs, East Kent Regiment, which gives the battalion the privilege now held alone by the Household Regiment of marching through the City of London with colors flying, band playing, and bayonets fixed. Lieut-Col. Cooper's men are naturally delighted with the honor, which was conferred by Royal sanction, and, as the battalion is now close to the thousand mark, are hoping that in the not distant future they will be able to take advantage of their new privilege in England.

A shock for local military men was contained in word received yesterday that the 199th Montreal Irish Battalion has been authorized to recruit in Toronto. Work will begin next week, and prominent speakers from Montreal are to be imported to address recruiting meetings.

The "Bargain Battalion."

The 199th, thanks to the number that was given it for a name, is commonly known in Montreal as the "Bargain Battalion, 199," and some objection is being voiced among the recruiting officers of local battalions to the introduction of a "mail order" business from Montreal.

The Royal Canadian Engineers have sent out a call for men for both overseas and home service. Skilled tradesmen, such as bricklayers, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, harnessmakers, plumbers, saddlers, etc., are particularly desired. Others, however, will be accepted. Carpenters, plumbers, painters and electricians are wanted for home service.

Two American tourists, calling at the headquarters of the 115th (American Legion) yesterday, left \$15 wherewith to buy tobacco for the men of the battalion.

Yesterday a sergeant and a corporal on leave from their unit signed up with the 19th Battery, having come all the way from Cochrane to make the transfer. The battery expects to go to Niagara Camp about the end of the week.