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COBOURG'S ARMORIES, MILITIA GET CHOPPED

Cobourg received another military bombardment as Christmas week began. Defense Minister Leo Cad-

ieux announced that the local militia unit, 14 Battery of the 50th Field Artillery, will be placed on the "supplementary" list, and the Cobourg Armories, built in 1904, will

be closed and offered for sale.

Five months ago, the government announced the closing of the Canadian Forces Station, Cobourg, where over 400 persons are employed.

For the militia unit, the "supplementary order of battle list" means that the assoc-

iation's officer can keep the unit's records and silver, and the unit might some day be reformed. The 50th Field Artillery here is linked with batteries at Lindsay and Peterborough.

The municipality will have the first option on the Ar-

mories, Mr. Cadieux said.

There are 16 armories closing in Ontario, including Lindsay, Newmarket, Renfrew and Carleton Place. Usually the closings are in towns. Only two Ontario cities, Welland and Woodstock, are losing their armories. In total, there will be 41 armories closed across Canada.

down is April 1, 1970. While both Cobourg and Lindsay militia batteries will be reduced to nil strength, the remaining batteries of the 50th Field Regiment at Peterboro

"Quite A Blow"

Says Heenan

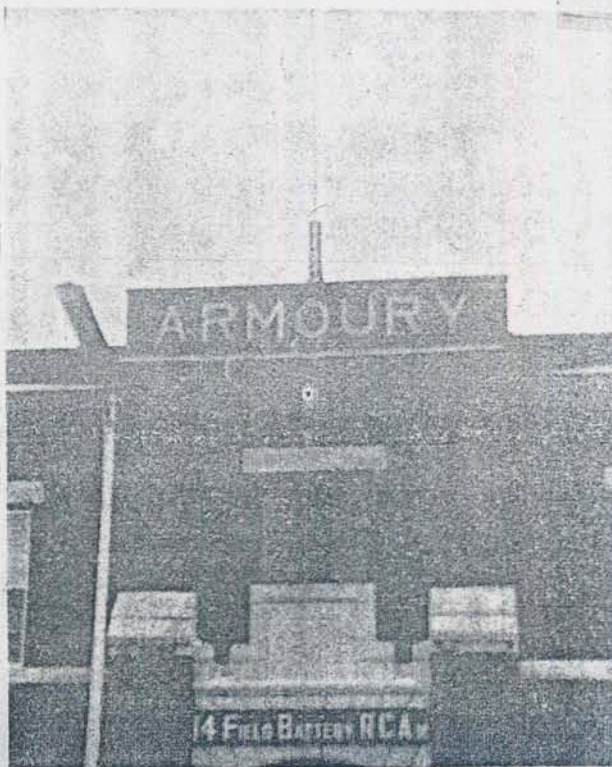
By MANDY MARTIN

Sunday night, the 14th Field Battery of the 50th Field Regiment turned their freedom over to the town for safe-keeping, following the announcement by Defense Minister Leo Cadieux that it was one of the 16 Armories to be closed in Ontario.

Mayor Heenan said Monday that while he has not discussed it with Council yet, he personally felt the Armories closing and end of the militia here has the effect of a double-barrelled shotgun, particularly with the closing of the base here.

"It is the last connection with the services this town has: the last bit of military character.

"It leaves us with no air and army cadets. These two military announcements within the last five months are quite a blow. I think that the distribution of these closings should take in more of the larger centres, who have other outlets, to even out the effect," the mayor said.



"WAR IS OVER" FOR ARMORIES

Of Artillery

By EVE BYAM

One hundred and three years of continuous artillery service will go when the Cobourg Armories is closed.

Headquarters for the 14th Field Battery of the 50th Field Regiment, the building was built in 1904. Now it is to be sold.

Officer commanding the local unit is Capt. Henry Bird of Trenton. Other officers include Cobourg men; Lt. George Lawrence, Lt. Robert Duke, and Capt. George Malcolm, padre for the 50th Field Regt., attached to the 14th Field Battery.

The officers planned a meeting for last night to discuss the future of their service.