

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

A. W. Crawford, Deputy Minister of Labour for Ontario arrived in Timmings on a Tuesday ten years ago leaving here the following day. The Deputy Minister was on a tour of the North visiting all the important centres and particularly those that had a branch of the Employment Service of Ontario. Mr. Crawford in addition to visiting all the employment offices was also noting labour conditions in all centres visited and forming his own conclusions as to the labour situation generally. He only spent a few hours in Timmings, most of that time being passed with H. C. Garner, in charge of the Timmings office of the Employment Service of Ontario.

At the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club ten years ago the time of the meeting was largely taken up with discussion on business affairs. The speaker for the day disappointed the club being unable to be present. The one visitor for the day, Mr. Seager, of Toronto, was introduced by President J. R. Walker.

In the Advance ten years ago—"The latest suggestion in the way of handling the unemployment question is a proposal said to have originated with Premier Henry for the organization of labour battalions for Northern Ontario to care for transients and generally to relieve the situation. Coincident with this announcement is the fact that the Ontario Government expects soon to make an announcement in regard to the trans-Canada highway route. All here recognize the seriousness of the unemployment situation all over this North, and it is felt that unless something is done the situation will be more than serious this winter."

The Fox Construction Company, of Toronto, which was awarded the contract for the building of the addition to the Timmings High and Technical School building has lost no time in getting the work under way," said The Advance ten years ago. "A carload of material came in last week for the work and more is now arriving. The contractors were on the job here as soon as they were aware that they were the successful tenderers. Work start-

ed this week on excavation and preparation for the foundation of the new addition. There are about twenty men now at work but this number will be much increased as the work proceeds. There is a clause in the contract that requires that local labour be used exclusively wherever available, and of course at the present there is plenty of available labour. Bona fide citizens of Timmings are to be employed at the work. The addition will be at the rear of the present building and will be of the same fire-proof type of material. The work will to some extent help out the employment situation here as bona fide residents will be given the preference. The work will have to be carried through with despatch as the contract calls for the completion of the addition by Oct. 15th."

The Advance said ten years ago—"John Dalton left last week on a holiday trip to the South and since then has been taking in some historic ring events. At Toronto, where he witnessed the fight in which Primo Carnera, the giant Italian, defeated Renault, the Canadian heavyweight champion, Mr. Dalton was joined by his son, Jack, and the two J. Daltons proceeded to Cleveland, where in the \$3,000,000 municipal stadium they saw Stribling, bleeding, badly punished and thoroughly whipped, counted out some 14 seconds before the final bell in the battle for the heavyweight championship of the world."

The Temiskaming Baseball League game ten years ago was at Kirkland Lake and the Wright-Hargreaves team came out at the top of with a 7 to 6 score. A comedy of errors by the visiting McIntyre and the clever base-stealing by the Wright-Hargreaves were the chief factors making the result. At that it was a good game for the fans and the Wright-Hargreaves team had no easy walk-away.

"The conference called at North Bay to make a recommendation to the Governments as to the route to be selected for the Trans-Canada highway through the North Land met yesterday (Wednesday), and are expected by all who have noted the preparations for the conference, practically a double was suggested—the route known as the North Shore route and a route to connect with the highway at Hearst" said The Advance ten years ago. "Details of the meeting are not available at the time of going to press, but over the long distance phone from North Bay this morning The Advance was given the following resolution as being passed unanimously by the conference: "That this conference make the recommendation to the Government of Ontario that they build the road from Sault Ste Marie to White River and through to Nipigon and that the road be connected up with Hearst to Hornepayne and White River, and for every mile built between the Sault and White River one mile be built between Hearst and White River; and that we leave it to the Government as to which line of road they call the trans-Canada highway. Also that we ask for

a road from the Trans-Canada highway into Chapleau." "One of the worst electrical storms of the season visited this section on Tuesday afternoon," said The Advance ten years ago, "the worst fury of the storm being at half-past five o'clock. The power was put out of business for a time, though the service was resumed in less than an hour and a half. Several places were struck by lightning in the district. Two houses in town were damaged by lightning. These two houses were the residence of James Landers, 9 Main avenue, and the house at 12 Commercial avenue, occupied by J. Morin, which is immediately behind the main street residence. Between the two houses there was a clothes line attached to a high pole. The lightning struck the clothes line and travelled both ways."

Among the personal items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Dr. E. A. F. Day and Mrs. Day returned last week from a motor trip to Fort William and other points west." "Messrs E. J. Myers and "Ruddy" Rutherford were visitors to Timmings on Monday evening. These two former residents here were on their way by canoe route to the new Matachewan gold camp where they intend to open up a drug store in that new gold district." "Mrs. J. M. Belanger and family are visiting in Manitoulin Island." "W. J. Lampkin, of Schumacher, was called to Pembroke this week owing to the serious illness of his father." "Mrs. H. Jones, of Welland, Ontario, arrived here on Tuesday evening to join her husband, the new chief of police for Timmings, and take up residence here." "Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cassidy and Mr. D. Cassidy motored from Ottawa this week to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, James avenue. Mrs. L. Riopelle accompanied them to her home at Porcupine." "Art Jackson left on Saturday by motor for Halifax, N. S., being called home by the illness of his mother." "J. C. Mangan, Bank of Nova Scotia, Cochrane, visited in Timmings over the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. M. C. O'Neill."

Even Tin Hats are Not New to Yorkshiresmen

All these "modern" and so-called "new" means and methods in these days of the "new" war and the "new" order appear to be old stuff. Even the "tin hats" are not new to the Yorkshiresmen, as note the following despatch from Scarborough, England:—"Fire watchers and home guards aren't so new after all. The town of Beverley in East Yorkshire in 1641 ranked as a big town and orders were issued by the burgesses to guard against the effects of impending civil war.

"They ordained that a regular and sufficient watch shall be kept during six days of the week, and watch and ward on the Lord's Day during these dangerous times, and to every governor is assigned the care of his own ward on his personal responsibility with power to enforce obedience to his orders."

"Tin hats? As early as 1494 people were fined sixpence for coming to the watch without "defensive harness." This consisted of breastplate, cuirass, basnet (that's the tin hat), gorget and paunch of mail, and a pole-axe provided for each member of the community.

"Fire fighting was duty of the watch and each ward was provided with a crook with chain for pulling down burning roofs. "One great iron eroke with a chyme for pulking downe houses at skathe fires," was the way they described it in those days."

Services of Red Cross to the Forces Overseas

(Red Cross "Despatch") 388,496 articles of comforts and supplies have been given to Canadian Forces overseas, not including food-stuffs.

207,859 articles of comforts and supplies have been given to British Forces. \$150,000.00 cash was given to the Navy League and Merchant Marine Welfare Organizations in Britain to purchase materials to be made by their workers into comforts for those engaged on National War Services on the high seas.

26,478 articles of comforts and supplies were also given to the French and Polish Forces.

Toronto Telegram:—If necessity is the mother of invention maybe that is the reason we have counterfeiters.



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

THAT IMPORTANT PIECE OF FOCAL FURNITURE

A Room Needs a Centre of Interest Just the Same as a Menu — A Handsome Big Piece of Furniture Will Pull the Room Together.



An open shelf cabinet like this one has charm and usefulness and fits particularly gracefully into a room with not too much open wall space.

Every woman knows the sort of menu she'll have if she picks up oddments at random... with no main dish, no piece de resistance to build the meal around. A room presents the same problem—it needs a focal point, one big piece of furniture to centre the design.

An Enduring Investment

So important is this piece of furniture that it's even wise sometimes to splurge here and do without some other things. With one really handsome eye-catcher, placed against the main wall, the room can have distinction, no matter how skimpy or makeshift are the other things. Then another good excuse for shooting your wad, or a lot of it, on one fine thing is that this can be an enduring investment to pace your future purchases—a start on a collection of the really lovely possessions you hope to have. For there is no permanent economy in a room full of shabby furniture, while beautiful things are not out of reach of most of us if we can plan ahead and acquire them gradually. And there's no better place to begin than with this focal piece.

Favored Styles

Its selection depends on many things—but primarily on the room and on your own taste. For a simple informal family room, don't go in for elegance and furbelow. Yet you needn't be rustic if you don't care for that design for living. The current popularity of 18th century English and Federal American furniture is no foible of fashion. This furniture has dignity with simplicity that makes it suitable in many homes. The next most favored style for an American family is colonial maple, which is charming if it's a hearty earthy effect you're wanting. Modern furniture appeals to modern people, because of its clean forthright lines, its direct uncomplicated approach. Think hard before deciding on the style of this main piece of furniture—be sure it reflects the spirit as well as the facts of your family picture.

A Gracious Piece

This focal piece may be tall or it may be wide, and low. The breakfront is probably the most favored idea right now among high furniture. And certainly it does preside over a room with poise. It is useful besides, combining shelf space with cupboard and desk compartments. It is large but doesn't jut way out into the room. It is a gracious piece, designs for it

having been created by some of the greatest cabinet makers of all time. But if there's not room for a breakfront, a secretary is a good choice, or if you want a more casual mood, then an open shelf cupboard or dresser. A fine highboy is stunning, and so is a William and Mary cabinet. New looking are traditional modern pieces with grills instead of glass doors, and marbled, leather and mirror finishes.

Among the low pieces suitable for bearing the chief furnishing responsibility for the room are those units or sections of cupboards and shelves that fit together to make a long low cabinet. The advantage of this type of furniture is the fact that it can be shifted into different combinations if you move or wish to rearrange it. Another asset of this type of focal furniture is the fact that it provides a centre of interest for the room yet leaves the wall space above free for a picture or a hanging. Then too it creates an effect that's a little more unusual.

More about this problem of focussing the furnishings of the room will be found in my bulletin "The Centre of Interest" which will be sent to you on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Another bulletin that will be of help here is "Where and How to Place Furniture." This too will be sent on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Write me, care of this paper.

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Repairing Houses Now a Specialty in Britain

(London Evening Standard) Repair of bombed premises is much more rapid than it was even a few weeks ago.

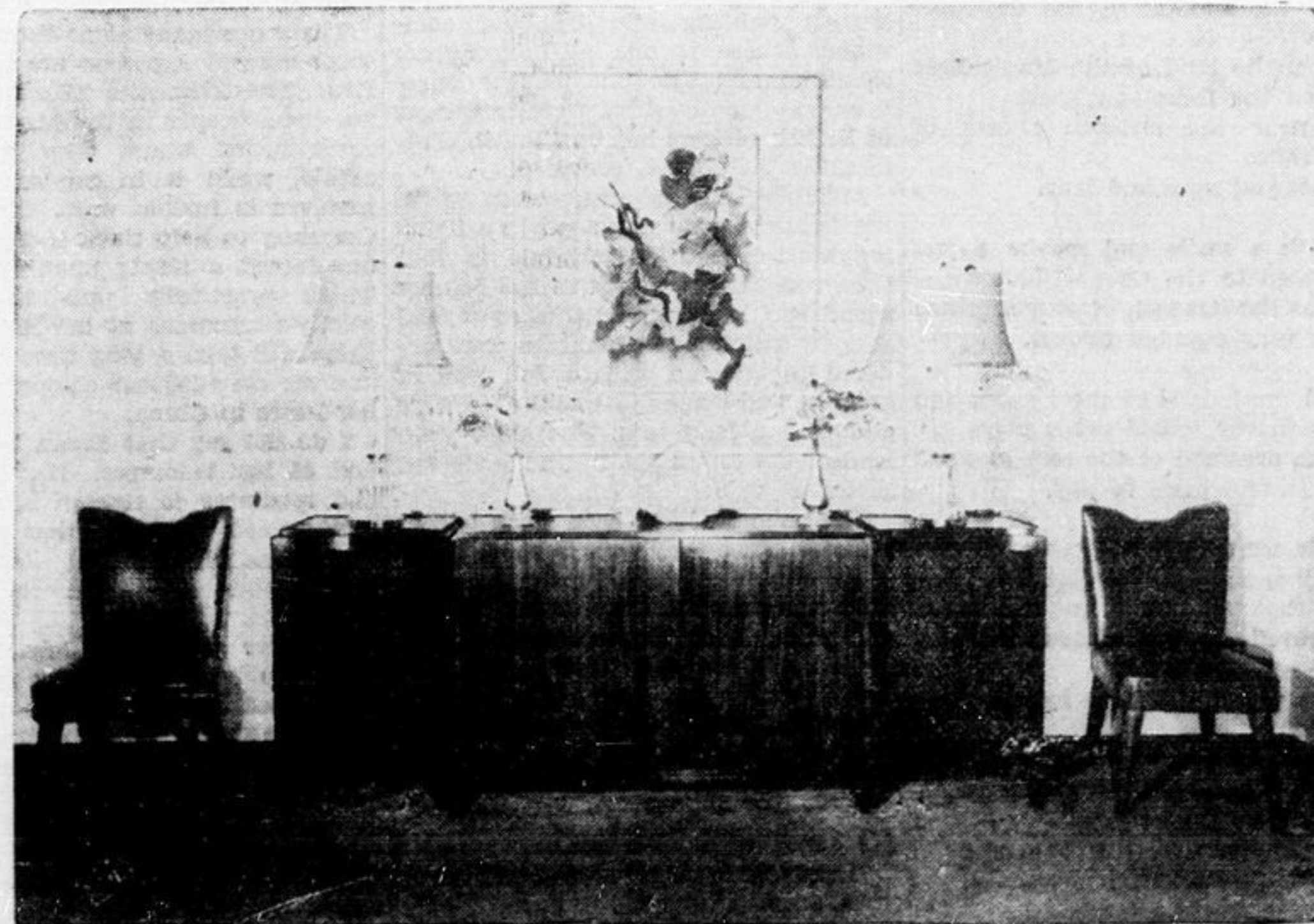
Building firms are switching their entire resources of men and machinery on to the job, and are dropping non-essential work to do it.

Local authorities are now able to call upon several hundreds of firms.

One result of all this repair work has been the return to their homes of thousands of people who had only makeshift accommodation for some time.

This has been made possible in the first instance by an arrangement with the organized master builders.

Toronto Telegram:—There is always someone willing to throw fuel on the fires of hate.



Often a group of three chest and cabinet units set together, as in this illustration, suit the needs of the room better than a tall piece. They have the added advantage of being adaptable to different spaces if you change the arrangement of the house later or should move.

Stolen Rings Found and Thief Confesses Within Four Hours

Southern Avenue Home Entered Monday Night and Valuable Rings Taken.

The efficiency of the Timmings Police Force was again demonstrated on Monday when a complaint was received at the station that a house on Southern Ave. had been entered and a number of rings, including one diamond ring, had been stolen. Timmings police started to investigate and made an arrest inside of two hours and two hours after that they had a confession from the suspect and also had the loot returned to the property owner.

As a result of a call from the premises of Mr. A. E. Schneller, of 68 Southern avenue, the police started to investigate a robbery at the same address. Mr. Schneller said that he had gone out for the evening and when he returned the thief was in the house. When the thief heard the door opening he made a get-away through the bathroom window. The screen on the window was broken and the thief leaped through the bathroom window. The screen on the window was broken and the thief leaped through it to land in the soft sand below the window. He then made his way to safety through the back yards of the neighbours till he was out of the district.

Some two hours later the thief returned to the vicinity of the crime to recover his bicycle that he had left parked near the front of the building. The bicycle was being guarded by Mr. Schneller and as the man tried to take the bicycle he took the man in charge and phoned for the police.

Under questioning at the police station, the prospect, Bernard Gagnon, living on Middleton avenue across Futham Creek, denied any connection with the crime. Police officers started to clean the suspects' fingernails and found a lot of sand under the nails. This sand, police say, was picked up when the man leaped through the window. The footprints at the scene of the crime had been inspected and the man's shoes were also inspected. It was found that there were marks in the sand indicating that there were holes in the man's shoes and this fact was proved by inspection of his shoes. After a session of questioning by Detective Ernie Gagnon, the man admitted the theft and also brought the police to the place where he had hidden the loot.

The five rings were recovered from an ash can in one of the back yards in the district. They were carefully hidden in an old chocolate box. The value of the rings were estimated at about two hundred dollars and they were identified by Mr. Schneller as his.

The investigation of the crime that eventually led to its solution in less than four hours was conducted by three members of the Timmings police force and one member of the Provincial Police. Detective Ernie Gagnon of the Timmings police led the investigation and received valuable help from Constables Angus Greaves and Jack Atkinson of the Timmings police, as well as Constable Bert Braney of the Gold Squad.

Thinks He Has Good Job

(From Sudbury Star)

Two Germans met in Paris and discussed the city's employment problem. "Have you a good situation?" asked one.

"Oh, I have an excellent job here," was the reply. "I sit on top of the Eiffel Tower and watch for the English to wave the white flag."

"And the pay—is it good?" "No," admitted the other, "but it's a job for life."

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origin," says Mr. Dougall. "But Cornwall doesn't talk about French-Canadians or any other hyphenation. We're all Canadians."

So Cornwall is all out for the war effort. It's sending its young men, but first it started to send its money. In the war savings campaign 98.7 per cent of the industrial workers pledged themselves for so much per month. The Victory Loan campaign in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Gengarry went over with a bang.

"The war effort of French-Canadians and others here has been amazing," stated Mr. Dougall. "Every appeal is instantly responded to. There's no difference of opinion. Everybody's doing all he can. If the rest of Canada would follow Cornwall's example and the example of the young men at our training centre, there'd be an end to this bickering and we'd all get on with the war. Our young men don't hang back and make excuses. They work together."

Pat Dougall's Plan Results in Whole Platoon Enlisting

Former Resident of Timmings Doing Patriotic Work at Cornwall.

Many here will remember Mr. Pat Dougall, who was for many years a prominent citizen of Timmings. He was manager of the National Grocers' branch wholesale here for several years, and then opened the Pioneer Grocers stores in the camp. While here he was prominent in the Kiwanis Club, the G.W.V.A., the Legion, and other community and patriotic activities. Accordingly, it will be no surprise to his friends here to know that he is doing notable work in patriotic lines in his present home of Cornwall, where he is manager of the National Grocers' branch. In the War Savings campaign, the Victory Loan drive and other war efforts he has been outstanding in his work. It is in regard to recruiting that he has made the biggest name for himself as a successful war work leader. Friends here who heard the story over the radio one night last week about a whole platoon of trainees signing up at Cornwall for overseas service will be specially interested to learn of Mr. Dougall's part in the matter. This is told in the following despatch from Cornwall last week, as it appeared in The Toronto Star:—

(By Major Thomas Wrayling)

Cornwall—There's a lift and a lift in the marching of men at the basic training centre No. 31, Cornwall. There's pep in their training and punch in their drill and an upsurge of esprit de corps that's not been known before. This new spirit and keenness has given B.S.T. 31 an all-Canadian record.

Every trainee in the centre, within one week after reporting for compulsory training, has volunteered for overseas service.

And it's largely because Pat Dougall of the old 2nd Battalion remembered that back in 1914-18 there was nothing like martial music to stir men's souls and take the tired feeling out of their feet. Pat Dougall is manager of a grocery firm in Cornwall. He's also vice-chairman of recruiting in Stormont, Gengarry, Dundas and Prescott counties. Most of all, he's a veteran of the last war, and knows more than his groceries.

The Colonel Agrees

His first step in Cornwall was a conference with Col. Rodolph Larose, officer commanding the centre. Col. Larose is also a veteran of the great war, and agreed with Pat that a military band would put life in the campaign. He could do with a band also at the training centre to make the training something more than mere foot slogging and drill.

So Mr. Dougall went to Ottawa. He saw the minister of national defence, and the adjutant-general. He got the surprise of his life. Instead of red tape he got action. That was last Friday. On Sunday the Kingston military band arrived in Cornwall. On Sunday night the band gave a concert in Central park.

On Monday morning the stirring music of the band played for a march-past of the new trainees.

On Tuesday, Dominion day, the band played at the brief military ceremony.

Col. Larose made an appeal for volunteers for service overseas. Sixty-one men out of the 186 stepped out. Only military discipline kept Lieut. H. W. Gollop from giving three rousing cheers. His whole platoon had volunteered.

The Band Plays On

On Wednesday the band played on. There were more volunteers.

Thursday the rest of the trainees couldn't resist the call to arms. They all joined up.

The result: June 25, 185 trainees arrive; July 3, every trainee attested for active service anywhere in the world.

All Cornwall is sticking its chest out. There had been a previous class of trainees at B.S.T. 31. Out of the 165 there had been 125 volunteer for overseas service.

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