

FRIDAY'S RAIN WELCOMED AT THE MILITARY CAMP

The Downpour Did the Ground Great Good.

SOLDIERS ARE HEALTHY

AND ARE ENJOYING THE LIFE AT BARRIEFIELD

Major-General Hughes Will Not Visit the Camp At Present—Over Two Tons of Bread Was Baked On Friday.

The rain on Friday was a God-send not only to the country but to Barriefield camp, and though it inconvenienced those who had to walk through the mud, the results generally were good. The camp this year has been so well laid out that little or no trouble is experienced after heavy rains. Great care was taken when the camp was planned to have the ground so plotted out that with the help of the drains, which have been since constructed, a heavy rain would not inconvenience the men's sleeping quarters. The rain on Friday was the first heavy one since the camp opened, and the excellent results could be seen.

The men in the last week have settled down to their chosen military life and even the rawest recruit has had a chance to adopt himself to the conditions. In other times the word "militia" implied hardships in more or less degree, but outside of a strict discipline, which is absolutely necessary if the work is to be done, there is no hardship connected with the life in Barriefield camp. The first few days were rather hard on the recruits, who were not used to the plan on which things were done. Most of the men have been in private getting up and going to bed when they liked, and not adhering to regular hours. Although twenty-five per cent. of the men of each unit are allowed passes at the discretion of their commanding officer to visit the city up to midnight, the most of the men are sound asleep at "lights out." Regularity of hours and also of meals was found a little trying at first, but now the boys are used to it, and many would not change to the old life under any consideration. The men are simply growing fat under their training and they are also getting bronzed up into the bargain. It is quite safe to say that the health of the average soldier is much better than that of the average civilian, and the men, or "boys" as the officers always speak of them, are enjoying their work.

The exact quality of bread issued from the Army Service Corps bakery on Friday amounted to 4,192 pounds made from 3,538 pounds of flour. For every 100 lbs. of flour used 127 pounds of bread is turned out. The staff of bakers on the work are Staff-Sergt. Baker Pollitt, Sergt. Williams

and Corpl. Pound, who are all experienced men at the business.

The 8th C.M.R., took an exercise ride as far as Grass Creek on the Gananoque road on Friday afternoon.

A number of the men of the 8th C.M.R., were being given bayonet work on Friday afternoon. Rifles with bayonets are used in this work. The use of bayonet is being given a great amount of attention at Barriefield camp owing to so many reports having arrived as to successes on the part of the Allies by being better than their opponents with this weapon. The men of the 8th C.M.R., should they have a close encounter with the enemy when they reach the front, would be able to give a good account of themselves, judging by the way they are able to go through their bayonet exercises.

A telegram has been received from Lieut. Clemmens, who is in command of the reinforcements from the 8th C.M.R., which states that the company reached Montreal and was proceeding on to Halifax.

Capt. McGrath, adjutant of the 7th Artillery Brigade, arrived in the camp on Friday and took up his duties.

The 7th Artillery Brigade was engaged in exercise rides on Friday under the instruction of Sergt-Major Inst. Jordan. The batteries are routing into shape in a way that is highly satisfactory to the officer commanding.

Driver Revoy, 7th Brigade, met with a painful accident on Friday. While leading his horse, the animal stepped on his ankle and badly crushed some of the small bones of the foot. He was sent to hospital.

Pte. Simmons, 38th Battalion, who injured his side on Thursday by falling on a tent-peg, is progressing satisfactory.

There were no accidents with the exception of the Driver Revoy case on Friday. Five men were removed to the Military Hospital from the Detention Hospital.

A new five-bed tent is being erected as an addition to the Detention Hospital.

Fifty-three men arrived in camp from Belleville on Friday morning and were taken on the strength of the Base Battalion.

The Y. M. C. A. tent was crowded to capacity on Friday afternoon with men writing letters and reading periodicals. The Y. M. C. A., is doing everything possible to induce the men to keep up writing to their friends at home.

Major R. C. Gardiner, A.D.M.S., made a bacteriological examination of the milk used in the camp and also that supplied by the canteen, and found it all highly satisfactory.

a canteen is not using the very highest grade of milk, the order would immediately be issued to put it out-of-bounds.

S. S. Baker Pollitt has received letters and cards from several A.S.C. men at the front and in England. Sergt. W. Good, with the 8th Field Bakery of the first contingent, now in France, speaks of the types of ovens in use, and also says that "Jack" O'Donnell is cooking with the C.A.S.C., and only 15 minutes walk from where the 8th Bakery is situated. He also mentions S. S. Hoskins, Corpl. Curry, W. Matter and B. Newale as being in good health and working hard.

The 38th Battalion was engaged in battalion, company and platoon drill on Friday afternoon until rain came down in such quantities that the work was called off for a time. The men are becoming accustomed to the uneven ground and drilling as well as they did on Parliament hill where they drilled all winter. Lieut. Col. Edwards is well satisfied with the work they are doing.

Owing to the wet weather the ranges were not used on Friday.

A rumor was in circulation that the Minister of Militia would visit the camp after being in Belleville Friday afternoon at the presentation of the colors to the 38th Battalion. A telephone message received from Col. T. D. R. Hemming stated that the Minister was returning to Ottawa after the presentation.

An extra large number of visitors are expected in camp Sunday. Last Sunday the public did not know that the civic authorities had suddenly thought of watering the roads and so were afraid to face the dust.

The soldiers in camp were given a half-holiday on Saturday afternoon.

It is expected that the men brought down from Lindsay on Wednesday will be drilled with the remainder of the Base Battalion about Tuesday next. They have yet to be outfitted in khaki.

Capt. R. F. Parkington, 38th Battalion, will be officer of the day on Sunday.

Lieut. J. G. Wallace, and Lieut. R. E. Greene, 38th Battalion, have been granted leave of absence.

A Provisional School of Infantry opened on Saturday for the qualifying of officers of the 38th Battalion and others up to the rank of captain.

Also Passed. The following have also passed for admission to the Royal Military College:

Philip Elias Durnford, Montreal; George Basil Browne, Montreal; Geoffrey Edgar Cushing, Westmount; John Herbert Price, Lennoxville; Barford Carl Brooker, St. Mary's Ferry, N.B.; Frederick Lawson Foster, Rothesay; Harry Christie Barker, Rothesay; Tom Oswald Cloughton, Vancouver, B.C.; Reginald Holmes, Victoria; William Montague Holmes, Victoria; Frederic Howden Jones, Stanley, Victoria; Robert John Stuart, Vancouver.

Firms Get War Contracts. Contracts for the manufacture of shrapnel shells have been awarded to Hepburn Bros., Pleton and J. C. Wilson Company, Glenora, and work to be begun at once to prepare for their manufacture. The intention of Hepburn Bros. is to refit and equip their mill at the dock for this purpose, while the J. C. Wilson plant at Glenora will be utilized by that firm. Hepburn Bros.' contract provides for the manufacture of 50,000 4.5 shrapnel shells. The contract for the Wilson Company is 25,000.

To Speak Here. Dr. Julius J. Price, Rabbi of the University Avenue Synagogue, Toronto, who will lecture in the Synagogue next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, received his degree of B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1908, his M.A. at Johns Hopkins University, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Columbia University. Although Rabbi Price is only twenty-eight years of age, yet he has written several books, and has addressed many scholarly gatherings in the States and in Canada.

His District Enlarged. A communication was read at the Napanee Council from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, stating that T. A. Hanley, Kingston, has been appointed electrical inspector with authority over Kingston, and all municipalities between Belleville and Brockville, but not including the latter two cities. No electrical wiring shall be done until a certificate of inspection shall have been issued by Mr. Hanley.

Railway Earnings. Montreal, June 12.—Canadian Pacific Railway, traffic earnings for the week June 1st to June 7th were \$1,585,000. The earnings for the same period last year were \$2,171,000, leaving a decrease of \$586,000. The G. T. R. statement is relatively favorable, the decline amounting to only \$37,053, or 3.9 per cent. Earnings for the week were \$358,977 against \$395,040 a year ago.

Has Had No Advice. This week C. W. Vandevort, Napanee, received a letter which he had forwarded to his son, W. C. Vandevort in France. The letter was returned from the Field Hospital in France to Mr. Vandevort, stamped "missing." This is the first intimation Mr. Vandevort has received concerning his son. A telegram to the Department at Ottawa brought the information that they had received no advice concerning the young soldier.

Queen's Stationary Hospital. Previously acknowledged, \$10,292.95. \$25.—Mrs. H. E. Ames, Grimby; members of West Grimsby, Red Cross Grimsby; Miss Agnes Walker, Grimby; G. W. Shields, Kerrobert, Sask.; Women's Institute, Almonte. \$16.—G. W. Shields, Kerrobert, Sask., for supplies. \$3.—J. A. Workman, Elmvale.

WHY ALDERMEN OPPOSE

THE CONTINUANCE OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ald. Graham and Kent Want the Water, Gas and Electrical Departments Controlled Again By City Council.

The Whig is endeavoring to find out what led the City Council to put a by-law to the ratemakers, to be voted upon on June 21st, on the question of whether the Utilities Commission should be retained or whether the city should go back to the management of the water, gas and electric departments by committee of Council. Mayor Sutherland, when asked for his views, stated that he preferred to make no statement. He was a member of the Utilities Commission by virtue of his office, and while he had very decided opinions regarding the matter, he did not care to state them just now. He had brought the matter before the Council at the request of a number of citizens who were very much dissatisfied with the way the Utilities were being managed, and the by-law was being put to the people to give them a chance to express their will.

Ald. Graham, when approached, stated that he was certainly opposed to the management of the Utilities by a Commission. "This city is too small for two separate bodies to legislate, he said. "We should have never given over the Utilities to a Commission. It was a big mistake and should now be rectified. The three departments were well conducted by the City Council and there were far fewer complaints than there are now. The Commission and the Council are too far apart. The electrical rates are too high; the street excavations are not attended to as they should be, and furthermore, the Commission does not furnish the reports to Council that it should with regard to the finance of the Utilities. These are some of the chief complaints against the Commission."

Ald. R. E. Kent, when asked to give his reasons for not wanting the business of the Civic Utilities to be conducted by a Commission said: "I have nothing to say about it good, bad or indifferent, as I am opposed to government by Commission and will vote against it. I have always been opposed to it. I think the Council is big enough to handle the business, and I also think the Council should receive more support from the press."

IN BASE BALL CIRCLES.

Public School Game Scheduled For Friday Postponed.

On account of the rainy weather on Friday, the scheduled game between the Public School League teams in the Public School Grounds had to be postponed. If the match had been played, it would have placed O. C. I. one game in the lead over Victoria throughout the entire schedule. However, the latter has still more chance to make good by defeating Louise, which is almost a certainty. O. C. I. and Victoria teams will be tied for honors. A sudden-death game will then have to be played to decide the championship. According to the schedule, this league should terminate on June 16th. Although the public schools closed earlier than was expected, the schedule will be carried out.

From all accounts there is going to be no Sunday School League Baseball League this summer. No move in this direction has yet been made. An exciting conclusion marked last year's schedule, but it seems the war has played its part and frustrated the attempts to re-organize the league this season. In many cases many of the last summer's players have gone to the front, while others are about ready to make their departure.

STOLE PLANTS FROM PARK

The Thief At His Work Right Under An Arc Lamp.

Parks Superintendent Phillips is very wrathful at the person who, during Thursday night, carried off a number of geranium plants from the beds at the Stuart street entrance of the City Park, which is well lighted by an arc lamp. But this is not to be wondered at after thieves visiting the property of a penitentiary office, digging up a tree in front of his dwelling in the excavation and levelling it off neatly. However, Mr. Phillips is hopeful of catching the party who took away plants that had only been put in on Thursday. He thinks it a pity that such vandalism should occur, and hopes that the citizens will aid him in protecting the parks from thieves, for the parks belong to the people.

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Card From Clyde Scott.

Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth, received a card on Saturday, June 5th, from his son, Clyde, addressed from Fernber, Germany, on April 30th. On the card he states that he was wounded with shrapnel shell and was lying in a German hospital hoping his wounds would not be serious. He was well treated in the hospital and made special mention of the soft beds. He also says Captain Hooper, another member of the 42nd, was a prisoner along with him.

To Attend His First Mass.

Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, Portmouth, and sister, Miss Nellie Corrigan, have left for Toronto to be present at the first Holy Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Father E. Corrigan, C.S.S.R., on Sunday, June 13th, in St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Father Corrigan was ordained last Wednesday in Esopus, N.Y., by His Eminence Cardinal Farley, of New York.

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