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# Many Military Matters

(Continued from page 8.)  
From every course at the Royal School of Artillery there will only be twenty officers selected for overseas service. The remainder will be allowed to attend one more course, enlist as privates or get out of the service.

This order is primarily to cut out the too common use of the phrase by the parents: "And a little child shall lead us."

Some few weeks ago the Militia Department decided that there were too many civilians wearing infantry officers' uniforms, too much for ornament and too little for use. The Provisional School of Infantry was entirely reorganized and given a new name "Infantry School of Instruction."

There are many parts of this order that will undoubtedly be changed eventually, but no change for some reason was made in that astrological branch of the service—the artillery. The old privilege of granting personal furloughs a provisional commission without regard to previous service is still in use. Hundreds take advantage of this convenient method of getting permission to wear the uniform of an officer. In the infantry the privilege goes to those who prove their value. In the artillery it goes to those who have enough personal influence with the commanding officers of militia units—men in most cases still in civilian life.

In order in a small way to stop the harsh criticism that is directed at the authorities for making this ridiculous preference to the artillery, the above order has been issued. Without regard to the number in attendance at the course, only the first twenty will be attached to overseas units. The others will receive one more chance to attend the school, this time without expense to the public, and compete with 200 others to get into that "Inner Shrine" of the first twenty. The great fault as pointed out by officers, is the fact that the qualifications of the officers of that first twenty do not depend on their percentage on passing the examinations but to their percentage with reference to the standing average of the whole class, though not to previous or future classes.

It means that should thirty be in attendance at the course two-thirds of that number, providing all pass, the necessary examinations at 50 per cent on each paper and 60 per cent on the aggregate, could take overseas appointments or attachments. If there were 200 in attendance—with the same provision that all passed—180 would be put out on the streets.

It is the general opinion that only one thing that can make the Royal School of Artillery 100 per cent, and not 10 per cent, efficient. That is by a complete and sweeping change of the whole system in use. The chance for every young fellow who wants to be an officer should be taken away. Real men who have shown their fitness in the ranks should be chosen on their merits for promotion to commissions.

Lieut. Green, Quebec, has reported for duty with the Army Service

Corps. Winter Services here to Major J. Hamilton and has been returned to the city. Lieut. Hillier who will return to the city. Lieut. Lennox, son of Justice Lennox, Toronto, has been sent to Cobourg to relieve Lieut. Lyons who has returned to the city.

Capt. W. E. Steacy, O.C. Battery, R.C.H.A., returned on Wednesday from Toronto where he organized the recruiting force there for the battery. Capt. Steacy is endeavoring to raise another 100 men to send over on a draft in the immediate future.

Lieut. M. H. S. Penhale was in command during the absence of Capt. Steacy.

It is published for the information of all concerned, that commanding officers are to cause every order and circular issued for general information and guidance either to be reprinted in regimental orders or otherwise circulated throughout their corps, and they are to afford all officers under their command every facility for becoming acquainted with current changes in the regulations and orders. Ignorance of published orders cannot be admitted as an excuse for their non-observance.

The R. C. R. A., without doing much advertising, is "there" in every sense of the word. Several letters received by the Whig show the true spirit of the men of the brigade and it is the spirit of true soldiers working and giving every part of their energies so that when the war is over they will be able to truthfully say that they did their bit.

Q. M. Sgt. A. D. Harris, and Sergeants A. R. Whitmore, S. G. Dickenson, C. A. Tregillus, C.A.S.C., have been granted certificates of qualifications in mechanical transport.

It is published for the information of all concerned that a course of instruction will be organized at District Headquarters for the purpose of instructing applicants in the clerical duties required to be performed at Headquarters and in orderly rooms. The date on which the course will commence will be decided later. Applications to attend this course should be forwarded at once to the A. G. Military, District No. 3, commanding officers must exercise care in the selection of candidates to attend this course; only men with good educations and of high intelligence should be recommended. The length of the course will be approximately three weeks.

Capt. E. B. Moles, A. M. C., is detailed for duty in the office of the A. D. M. S., H. D. No. 2.

Captain R. R. Barker, A. C., is detailed as Medical Officer to 224th Canadian Forestry Battalion.

Capt. R. H. Parent, A.M.C., is detailed as Medical Officer to 230th Battalion.

Col. T. D. R. Hemming, District officer commanding Military District

# In the World of Sport

A New York magistrate says that playing poker is not a game of chance, but a gentleman's game.

Up in London the Canadian Leaguers are quite anxious to continue, and will join any league that is formed. It is now up to Brantford and Guelph to get busy.

Jean Dubuc, the Detroit pitcher, who shares with "Newy" Lalonde all the adulation among the French-Canadian sporting fraternity, is having quite a job to hold on with the Tigers this spring.

"Bill" Martin, recruit shortstop of the New York Giants, who was with the Boston Braves last year, has suffered three broken legs in his short athletic career in college and professional baseball.

Art. Wilson is a prime favorite with his Pittsburgh mates. The ex-Federal star is a gentleman and one of the most intelligent players in the business.

Toronto News: The Ontario Hockey Association covered the soldier part of their game in good style, and the lacrosse men could not do any better than take a leaf out of James Sutherland's book and copy it in the rules and regulations of the lacrosse game.

The import law allows the bringing of the houghbred horses into the United States free for breeding purposes. The point is now up as to horses sent into the markets of the States for sale to foreign owners and duty is to be charged.

Maryland race tracks are free from anti-betting legislation for two more years. The anti-betting bill met its death in the closing hours of the assembly on April 4. The measure proposed abolition of betting of any sort. It was killed by a parliamentary manoeuvre.

A voluntary increase in salary for 1916 in recognition of earnest efforts on the baseball field has been given Erving Kantlehner, the young left-hander from California, who has been a member of the Pirate squad for several seasons.

The case of Hepburn vs. the Connaught Park Jockey Club, which was set for hearing at Ottawa Spring Assizes, has been set over until the fall term. E. R. Hepburn, M.P., and a syndicate are suing to recover from the Connaught Park Club for an old charter, with which they hoped to operate a track at Windsor.

Australian paper-just to handovers has been arranged between

Ian heavyweight championship by Les Darcy, the middleweight titleholder. He beat the holder, Hardwick, decisively at Sydney before 5,000 people. Hardwick had height, weight and reach, weighing 176 to Darcy's 163 1/2.

Three members of the White Star hockey team, for the past two years Stratford Senior City League champions, went to Guelph on Monday and joined the 64th Battery. They are Tom O'Connell, Albert Bart and George Campbell. Bart has been O. H. A. senior goal tender for the past two seasons.

Eugene Brosseau, of Montreal, Que., holder of the 145-pound Canadian boxing title, won the national championship in the same class at Boston Tuesday night, when he defeated M. Stark, of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, in the final bout. The Montrealer defeated the New Yorker decisively in three rounds.

The death has occurred in London of Donald Dinnie, who was regarded by many as the greatest athlete Scotland ever produced. He was seventy-nine years old. During his career he won 11,000 contests, which included wrestling, hammer-throwing, running and jumping. Several of his victories were won on American soil.

Hughie Jennings still is pleading with his athletes to forget their base hits and join the hit and run league, with bunting as an added favorite run-making device. He is not meeting with much success, for the Detroit Tiger pastimers possess adamant affection for hitting the ball out of the lot. They insist that poking the ball through infield holes will warp their batting averages.

"Joe" Wright, the Argonaut captain, is busy with the University of Pennsylvania crews at Philadelphia. He has good material and has made splendid progress so far. Jimmie Ten Eyck is still with Syracuse and Jim Rice as Columbia. Spring arranged so late that it was necessary to dynamite ice on the Poughkeepsie to clear a course.

Montreal Herald: Following the fair degree of success achieved by the Ladies' Hockey League the past winter—although it was a loser financially—it is likely that a baseball league will be formed this summer. Len Porteous, who was the prime mover in ladies' hockey has already formed a team from the Western, while in the west end there has been formed a team to be known as the Stars. Even at this early date a

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