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# Many Military Matters

(Continued from page 8.)

The Whig has been making inquiries from officers, engaged in widely different branches of military service as to their opinion of the red-coats that are now being worn by the probationary officers and N. C. O.'s attending the Infantry School of Infantry. It came as a surprise that such a strenuous protest should be voiced. On every side was heard the expression: "It is so absolutely different from what is wanted that I am surprised the militia authorities have not changed it long ago."

There are a variety of reasons given as to the idea aimed at when the innovation was brought about. As this change was made in Ottawa nothing official could be secured here. The general opinion was however that it was to curb this swanky spirit of provisional lieutenants in training. At the time the idea was to use the old out-of-date red coats because they are of no further value for troops in training or at the front and the immense quantities now in hand could eventually be disposed of in this way.

It has resulted in the man, who, sacrificing his civilian position of good money and comfort, enlisted in the ranks of an overseas unit becoming the "goat". It is very unfair. The men who are up to qualify should be and in the vast majority of cases are the pick of the battalion. They are chosen from 1,100 others because of their peculiar fitness for a commissioned or N.C.O.'s rank and in their ability to lead men. One who is not a good education and in the interests of the battalion a commanding officer will only send to the school men who are clean cut, active fellows, who are in the game in earnest and want to promote themselves to better positions. They are the kind that are wanted for the front.

Should these men be made to suffer? It does not seem right. True there is never a grouch from the probationers themselves. They are too much in earnest and spending too much of their time trying to grasp all the mysteries that are constantly being explained to bother wondering why scarlet jackets have been issued to them. Nevertheless to say the least it is embarrassing to be the only one wearing such a brilliant dress in any gathering of brother soldiers attired in khaki. The probationers have been wearing their great coat at every opportunity. They stay in barracks and out of public view unless it is necessary for them to walk on the main streets. For six weeks these men who are training to be officers or N. C. O.'s practically hide themselves away for the most part from the school so that they can put on the khaki again.

There is no economical advantage in making these boys wear the old militia uniform. If they have to be worn out, why not give them to some one else. Every man attending the school has already been issued with khaki. He is an enlisted soldier in some overseas unit and as such has a uniform. Why make him lay off his khaki and wear the red and blue for six weeks?

On suggestion coming from an old soldier is to the effect that the men doing fatigue work at the camp should be given these outfits although with a khaki outfit for inspections and dress-parades. Last year under the camp sergeant major there were some thirty-five men unfit for overseas service who did a wonderful amount of fatigue work about the camp. This time was then given to overseas soldiers in training to the front and worked out very satisfactorily. It would seem to be much better that these men should be given the red coats etc. if they must be worn out by some one.

If a distinctive uniform is to be given to the probationers a badge would seem to be quite as good. Some small badge for the arm could be issued. This could be worn on the men's own khaki uniform.

Certificates of military qualification with the grade of captain have been issued to the following lieutenants who qualified at the school of Army Medical Corps at Kingston: H. Murray, Bessie, C. B. Waitt, J. T. W. Boyd, H. A. Cochrane, A. P. Chown, J. Carmichael, A. C. McGlennon, W. Hall (Jr.), R. H. Fisher, J. H. Walsley, W. A. Claxton, L. L. Stauffer.

Major A. F. Allen, Major W. J. Cook and Capt. B. L. Hyman, 155th Battalion, Belleville were in the city on Tuesday.

A man came in to Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low's office on Tuesday afternoon and said that he was trying desperately to fill his milk route. So that he could enlist. Any applications?

An armours course attended by eleven soldiers opened at the Ordnance Corps Monday under Major P. E. Pridesaux and his staff.

An assault-at-arms is being held at Battersea on Thursday, April 27th for the 146th Battalion. William Anglin will preside.

The students at the Machine Gun School are at work on the range on Tuesday afternoon receiving instruction from Sergt.-Innt. Murray.

The 146th Battalion is again asking for donations of books and magazines for the library of the battalion. Telephone 1379 or 1409 and they will be called for.

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# In the World of Sport

Lieut. Charlie Fleming, a well-known Ottawa oarsman and football player, is back from the front on short leave. He was through the fiercest of the St. Julien fight, but escaped unscathed.

Dr. Frank R. Hassard, famous University of Toronto outside wing, now of the R. A. M. C., has been admitted to the Stationary Hospital at St. Omer, suffering from a fracture of the metacarpal bone of the left hand.

Sergt. Carlton ("Dad") Stewart, former manager of the St. Thomas Baseball Club, who enlisted with the Pioneers at St. Thomas, later transferred to Guelph, and from there went to England, has been heard from. Since leaving Canada he has become an efficient bomb-thrower, having been successful in making it particularly hot for the Germans on many occasions.

For the first time in many seasons, Ottawa University will not be represented in the Ottawa City Baseball League. Rev. Father Stanton, with his garnet and grey students, never failed to prove strong drawing cards.

"Tommy" Thompson, the well-known Hamilton trainer, has enlisted for active service and is now connected with the 205th Sportsman's Battalion, with the rank of sergeant. Sergt. Thompson has reported for duty and will go into training himself for military purposes. He was born and raised in Ancaster, but has resided in Hamilton for the past twenty years, and is well known throughout Canada and the United States as a bicycle rider and trainer of Marathon runners and boxers.

One of the greatest tactical errors committed by the New York baseball club this season was submission to a playing schedule that gave the Giants eight games with the Phillies out of the first eleven dates in April. This now appears to be a grave mistake from a New York standpoint. The Giants, an eighth-place team last fall, did not figure to extract much nourishment out of eight games with the pennant winners right off the bat. Casting aside all "ifs" and "buts" and eighth inning alibis, the fact remains that the Phillies are in first place because five of their first seven games were with the Giants. By the same token, the fact remains that the Giants are in last place because five of their first six games were with the Phillies.

The International Baseball League, which will open its 1916 season with Montreal playing at Baltimore, and Buffalo at Richmond, on Wednesday, and Toronto at Newark and Rochester at Providence on Thursday, announced its assignment of umpires for the initial games: Carpenter and Chestnut at Baltimore; Cleary and Bransfield at Richmond; Hart and

Keenan at Providence; and Freeman and Handiboe at Newark.

It was announced also that President Edward Barrow would attend the opening ceremonies which inaugurate the return of Baltimore and Newark into the circuit.

Montreal Gazette: Two more members of the famous McGill Rugby team of two years ago have enlisted and are now in khaki. Walter Jeffrey, who created a sensation during his first year on the senior team as a flying wing, has become a member of the Royal Horse Artillery at Kingston, where he is now training.

Clarke Brown, an Ottawa boy, who played on the wing line, has decided to become a member of the Canadian Engineers, and will leave for Ottawa next week to qualify for a commission. Walter Jeffrey was born in Toronto, and although his father and mother are now residing in Buffalo, he returned to Canada to serve his country. Jeffrey's father was a member of the Lorne Rugby team of Toronto when they won the intermediate championship of the Dominion in 1895. With these two men enlisting it leaves but few of the champion team of two years ago who are not in khaki.

Ottawa Free Press: Frank Shaughnessy is discussing public school baseball with George Church, of Creighton school, predicted the present crop of youngsters won blossom out as very proficient players when they reached a state of maturity. In playing the game so young, the kids will develop "arms," something in which present day crop of city leaguers are lacking. Shag claims the knee pants brigade he has lapped around town have all the antics of big leaguers and declares further the time is not far distant when Ottawa won't have to go very far from home for ball players. Last year Shaughnessy assisted the public school athletic authorities in modifying a decision to meet the requirements of the youths. The distances between bases are shorter, so that the kids will not have to make throws that will over-tax their young whips.

Vancouver World—Encourage the young element and you will have lacrosse on a larger and better scale than ever. That is the call that has gone forth from the leaders of the various amateur organizations on the Pacific coast. Starting with the schools and going up through the junior, intermediate and senior divisions, the officials intend to interest every boy in the national pastime. In the United States baseball is to a certain extent included in the curriculum of the schools, and while it is not the desire of anyone to take the boy's mind off his studies, it is felt that the boys of Canada should be taught something about their national pastime, inasmuch as it will make better and stronger men of them when they attain their majority.

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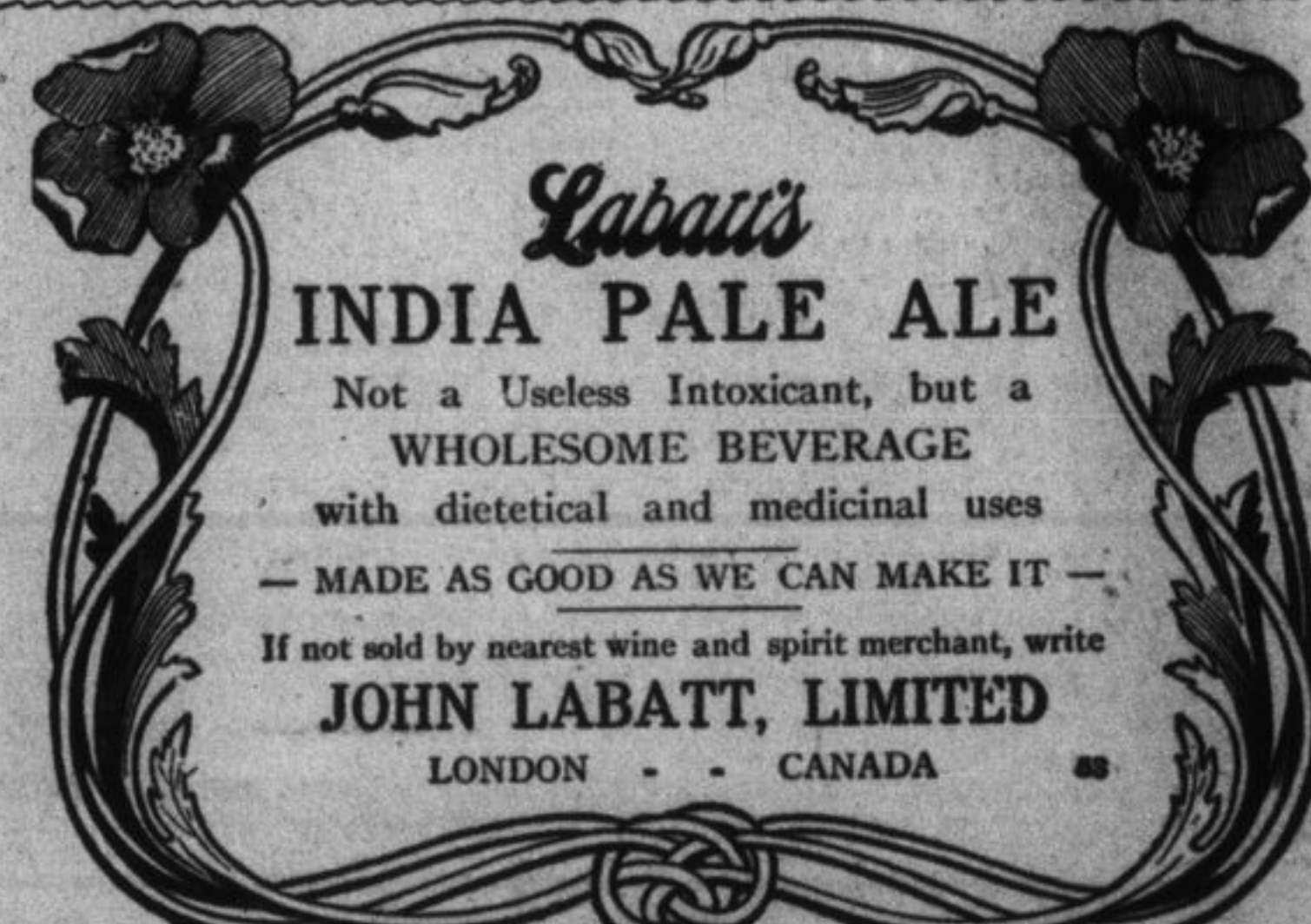
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