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Many Military Matters

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It takes all kinds of men to make an army, and the men who have enlisted in the ranks of "C" Battery, R. C. H. A., are from all walks of life. There has been at different times students, lawyers, doctors and professional men of all kinds, but one of the most prominent in this way is Gunner Skeene, now at Tete de Pont barracks. Gunner Skeene has had nine years of experience as an actor-manager, and has been with some of the best actors and actresses on the American continent and in England.

The Oliver Morosco Company produce a number of plays by a stock company in their theatre at Los Angeles, California, and Gunner Skeene for several seasons was stage manager of this theatre. During this time he has had a number of other notable first trials.

For ten weeks he was with the Lombardy Opera Company which toured Mexico. The Tictock Man of Oz, with stars such as Morton and Moore and Greenwood and Grant, also had his services.

This is the man who will be stage manager of the big cabaret that is being produced by "C" Battery, R. C. H. A., in the City Hall on Wednesday night next to raise funds for the men of the battery at Petawawa camp during the summer.

This battery which is being acted as a depot through which 1,200 men have passed, and yet until now not one appeal has been made to the citizens for money to secure those things that so brighten a soldier's life. Every one should buy tickets.

Those who do buy tickets and attend may be sure that they will secure their money's worth in any event, as under such very able management the vaudeville end is bound to be a huge success.

When the Royal School of Artillery closes the present course next week it will be the last course in some time, possibly until next winter. There is at present an immense surplus of officers both in England and Canada for the junior positions, and no more of these will be needed until many new batteries are formed or there are more casualties in the ranks of those on the firing line. Lieut.-Col. G. Roy, commandant of the school, will of course be commandant of Petawawa camp for the summer and the instructors are to be used with the different batteries.

The new plan at the Provisional School of Infantry seems to be working out very successfully. Already a number of men have been returned to their units, and in every case the training that they received while at the school has greatly increased their usefulness to their battalion commanders. The school, it is expected, will be enlarged at Barriefield.

It looks as if there will be some good hard artillery work performed

at Petawawa camp this year by the local and the other batteries which will go there for training under the very excellent supervision of Lieut.-Col. G. Roy, commandant. Col. Roy has had a wide experience in artillery training, and with the added advantage of having four brigades competing against each other to work with, the results should be highly satisfactory. The men now confidently expect that they will go overseas before the end of the summer, and after a short training in England, go to the front.

With a few months at Petawawa each battery receiving instruction from a Royal School of Artillery instructor, the 13th Kingston Brigade should be one of the best of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. In every one of the batteries great care has been taken in the selection of the best men for the work, and the result has been a highly proficient and energetic class, who take pride in what their battery is doing and are willing to do their very best to make theirs the best of any.

Great care is taken by Col. T. D. R. Hemming, D.O.C., that every man who is enough of a man to offer his services to the Empire will be used in some capacity if he is in reasonably good health and can do certain kinds of work.

There will be at the camp this year a fatigue party of possibly 150 men who will do guard duty, police duty, etc., which otherwise would have to be done by eligible men. The men for this work will be chosen from those who have been rejected for overseas service, but who wish to do something to assist the country in the great struggle.

A medical board will go over every man in uniform at the camp, and those who are considered as unfit for the strenuous training necessary to prepare them for the work in France will be turned over to the fatigue party and given that duty, so that they will still be able to return home and say that they have done their bit, and they should receive every consideration for so doing.

Major J. Hamilton is having a structure built at Barriefield camp for the baking section of the Army Service Corps. The mixing department last year was in a tent, and great chances are taken with this work being done practically in the open air and the resulting quick changes in temperature. To insure a constant supply of the very best of bread for the men in the camp the baking section will be given the best equipment possible, and in return the very best of results will be expected.

A. Hargraft, G. Marsh and J. T. Crawford have been accepted as recruits to "C" Battery, R. C. H. A.

Already Capt. E. W. Henderson, commanding No. 5, F. C. C. E., has a number of men at Barriefield camp engaged in the laying out of pipe lines, etc., so that as soon as the material is on the ground the lines may

be constructed and the buildings for the administrative staffs may be erected.

The Whig has been complimented for voicing the suggestion that the causeway should be used for pedestrians between Barriefield and the city during the summer months. It has been suggested that in addition to the proposition to use the causeway an auxiliary foot-path should be along the temporary bridge. This could easily be put in without the addition of piles by having a bracket from the north edge extended over to give four, five or six feet of a foot-path. This would be used in the daytime when work was in progress at the opening in the causeway, and in the evening the great bulk of pedestrians could use the causeway. The heaviest traffic is after 4.30 in the afternoon.

The bugle band of the 146th Battalion went to Odessa on Friday under Sergt. Bugler Lammernan. They will parade in Odessa and solicit recruits from every house in the village.

As the last drive for 200 men for the 146th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low has established recruiting depots on the Market square and at the Lindsay Piano Co. showrooms. Corporal Ward and ten picked men will be in charge of the work.

It is expected that a total of 200 will be secured right in the city. In an interview Col. Low said that the county had done exceptionally well, but the city has fallen down so far. As a concession Col. Low has decided that any men who sign up will be allowed, if they care to, to remain at their work until the opening of camp.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Victoria Day celebration being run under the auspices of the 146th Battalion, had an interview with Col. T. D. R. Hemming, D.O.C., on Friday, and requested that a military parade be held. The D. O. C. promised to do everything in his power to assist in the celebration and offered them his most cordial support.

The City Property Committee will repair the fence at the Fair Grounds.

Lieut.-Col. F. C. Arnoldi, commanding 13th Kingston Artillery Brigade, and Major E. C. Barrett, commanding 51st Battery, are in Toronto over the week-end.

"I'll give a pound for every German killed," shouted the enthusiastic young sub, as he gave orders for the charge.

Two unfortunate Irishmen were left behind after the assault. "Just let me slape awhile. Kick me when the Boches come again," said one.

The kick soon came as the Germans counter-attacked.

"How many are there, Mike?" was the anxious enquiry.
"About thirty thousand."
"Thank Heaven; our fortune's made."

In the World of Sport

The University of Pittsburg may drop its baseball team on account of lack of patronage, and devote the money now used for baseball in fastening athletics.

Buenos Ayres, the metropolis of South America has the fight fever and arrangements are being made to ship down a detachment of Yankee boxers for a series of bouts.

Alf Shrubbs, the veteran long-distance runner, and the winner of over two thousand prizes, is in active training again. He is matched to run "Tom" Longboat, his old rival at Parry Sound, next week.

Sam McVey and Joe Jeanette of the colored league will play another game of the dark brown series at New Orleans on Saturday night over the 20-innings route.

Brothers do not all make good in baseball, like the two Covaleskies. Ty Cobb is the greatest all-round player in the game to-day, but his brother, Paul, is not good enough for Class C. company, and was recently released by the Terra Haute club.

"Tim" Jordan, former Toronto first baseman will be with Binghamton in the New York State League again this year, having signed a contract yesterday.

Miss Gladys Palmer, of Oak Park, Ill., a co-ed at the University of Wisconsin, yesterday threw a baseball 217 feet 6 inches, surpassing the intercollegiate record for the event by 14 feet 6 inches. The former record was held by a Vassar co-ed.

Hal Chase, of Cincinnati, is the real leader of the National Baseball League. In 38 times at bat he had a percentage of 435. And they said that guy had lost his eye? It was a wise move when Charlie Herzog signed up the trouble-making Hal.

The amusement game in Canada this year is going to suffer tremendous loss in the way of taxation, because the unsteady condition of the Dominion's finances and the heavy drain upon its exchequer for war's necessities have compelled the Government to seek revenue from every quarter. All sorts of amusements are being subjected to heavy tax. Horse racing is one pastime that will have to yield a large slice of its profits to the Government. Canadian racetracks have made big profits in the past, no doubt, because the "sport of kings" is certainly deeply rooted in the hearts of all Canadians, but this year there will be a material reduction in the profit column.

At the summer encampment for

this military district, known as No. 2 Divisional Area, Toronto, will be erected a commodious and well-appointed athletic stadium capable of seating 15,000 spectators, according to an announcement made by Capt. Tom Flanagan of the 180th Sportsmen's Battalion. Capt. Flanagan is director of athletics for the area, which comprises more than 20,000 men in khaki.

At a nominal charge of five or ten cents the enlisted men will be provided with a varied programme of athletic entertainment without leaving camp. Arrangements for the construction of the stadium have been completed to the final detail. Some of the finest athletics in Canada will be completed in the various contests. Boxing bouts of twenty rounds each, something hitherto unknown in Canada for many years, will be one of the features of the summer's programme.

A Baltimore despatch says: Hearts of Oak, owned by Harry Giddings, of Oakville, Ontario, which has been here during the meeting, being prepared for the steeplechases to be run on the Canadian circuit, has been entered in all of the stake events. Hearts of Oak won the King's Plate at Woodbine Park, Toronto, two or three years ago, and also won a number of other stakes on the Canadian tracks. He was schooled last fall with a view to racing him through the field.

Previous to the race run through the field at Pimlico, on Tuesday, Hearts of Oak was given a good trial. He schooled over the course faster than it has been raced over this season, which is an assurance



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Ottawa Journal: "Tou" Leckie, the former Queen's, Argo, Alert and Tiger football star, has gone to join the many other prominent Canadian athletes who have gone down in battle in the defence of the Mother Country. "Tou" as he was called for years, was one of Canada's best football players. He first came into prominence at Queen's University and the last year there played sensational rugby. The last varsity that he ever played against was at Toronto. He didn't have much of a team in front of him, and Varsity had their opponents on the defensive most of the game. If the ball was kicked over Queen's goal to Leckie once during the afternoon it was sent over five times. He did not make one fumble during the game, and on numerous occasions he was successful in running the ball out through a host of Varsity tacklers. It was with much the same good work that he helped Alerts win the Dominion championship from Argo in 1912.

Commenting on John McGraw's trouble with Umpire Klem in Boston last week, the Boston Post says: "After McGraw had been put out of the game by Umpire Klem, the Giant manager lay in wait for the umpire. In the presence of a number of persons he assailed Klem in unprintable language. Klem ignored the attack until McGraw made a slurring reference to a close relative of the umpire. Klem in wild rage leaped at McGraw and his players. A Pittsburg writer recalls distinctly an incident which occurred a number of years ago at the Polo Grounds. The Pirates and Giants were playing a double-header. Joe McGinnity and Philippe pitched the first game, and Pittsburg won. Clark picked Pat Flaherty, a gentlemanly little fellow, to pitch the second game. McGinnity was through for the day. Just as Flaherty went to the mound for the start of the game McGraw sent McGinnity out to 'talk' to Pat. Joe started off rather wildly, and Pat laughed at him. Then McGinnity made a reference to Pat's parents, which turned the little Irishman in a moment into a fighting demon. He sprang at McGinnity's throat in a rage, his face purple, and every muscle working. In fury, Kitty Bransfield grabbed Pat in his arms as he ran toward the New York player. Big and strong as Kitty was, it was all he could do to hold Pat. But McGraw and McGinnity had accomplished their purpose. Flaherty was unnerved, and at the last moment Clark had to send in another pitcher.

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