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Many Military Matters

(Continued from page 8.)

There will be three-quarters of a million dollars each month put into the pockets of Kingston merchants and citizens through having Barriefield camp of over 10,000 soldiers during the summer months. This money finds its way indirectly to every person in the community, and people should not forget this fact when speaking of Barriefield camp and its advantages to the city. In plain language the effect is immense. The expense of maintaining the battalions in Military District No. 3 now averages about \$900,000 a month now. Recruits are coming in every day to the different units and within a month after the camp opens each of the battalions is expected to be up to full strength of 1,153 men. The addition of the 1,500 men needed to bring these battalions up to strength will certainly boost the total expenditure up to the six zero mark. A very conservative estimate would be that three-quarters of this amount is re-spent in the city in filling the needs and luxuries of the khaki-clad boys.

A rumor on the streets of Ottawa was to the effect that certain battalions in Canada would soon be broken up and divided into reinforcements for other battalions which had been successful in recruiting a reasonable number of men in the time allotted. Inquiries show that this could certainly not apply to Military District No. 3. The battalions in this district all total well over 800 men, and most of them have reached the 1,000 mark, which under the circumstances can only be highly satisfactory to the powers that be. If other parts of Canada have not done their part, this district certainly has. This is shown by the results presented every two weeks to the country in which Military District No. 3 always comes at the top or near the top of the list.

Capt. "Nick" Bawlf, paymaster 154th Battalion, was in the city on Monday. The examination papers of the School of Signalling are now in Ottawa for the final results. It is expected that these will be released in a few days. The next School of Signalling course will commence about the first week after Barriefield camp opens. It will take a few days before the battalion commanders will get straightened around enough to be able to select what men they wish to select for the school.

Lieut. R. J. Graham, 34th Battery, Belleville, was in the city on Monday. Col. T. D. R. Hemming, D.O.C.,

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G.S.O., Major H. R. Wilson, D.A.A., and Q. M. G. C. were in Belleville on Saturday evening at the farewell to the 80th Battalion.

George Girvin and W. H. Shephard have enlisted in the 146th Battalion.

Pte. T. W. Baker has been appointed a sergeant in the 146th Battalion.

The new depot batteries numbering 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th, to replace those of the 13th Brigade—50th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd—which are going to Petawawa camp, will be formed immediately the brigade leaves for the northern camp. The list of officers has been drawn up, and the appointments are expected to be made in the near future. The four new batteries will respectively replace the four of the new 13th brigade.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low was in Napanee on Monday evening, and addressed the Napanee council on the fact that more men were needed by the 146th Battalion. He expressed in an interview to the Wig the suggestion that the Board of Trade, City Council and Speakers' Patriotic League of Kingston should get busy in the interests of the battalion's need of men.

Ploughing and seeding furloughs may be extended for a period of fifteen days wherever circumstances warrant it.

Sergt. R. Ralph, A.M.C., is detailed for duty as sergeant in charge of the Sir Sandford Fleming Home, Ottawa, vice Sergt. Lazenby.

The Engineers are working strenuously at the final arrangements for Barriefield camp. New buildings are suddenly appearing in all directions, and the camp lines are being laid out finally.

All of the buildings will not be completed by Saturday next, but there will be used for the few days during which time the work is being completed. From this date until the 146th Battalion is mobilized in camp passes will not be issued to men except for very urgent reasons which must be communicated direct to headquarters before a pass will be given.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G.S.O., Military District No. 3, proceeded to Belleville on Saturday.

The list of officers of Barriefield camp staff has been submitted to Ottawa, and as soon as the approval is received the camp will officially

be announced. Up to the time that such approval is received there is nothing official of the fact that there is even such a place as Barriefield.

It has been brought to notice that in some cases soldiers of the C. E. F., employed on guard duty have been awarded field punishment. It is published for the information of all concerned that field punishment is not to be awarded without authority from District Headquarters.

It is published that the 199th Battalion (Irish Rangers) has been granted authority to recruit Irish Catholics throughout Military District No. 3.

Major H. R. Wilson, D.A.A., and Q. M. G. Military District No. 3, proceeded to Belleville on Saturday.

"Retreat" for the ensuing week will be sounded at 7.40 p.m.

Peterboro Review: The Sportsmen's Association is arranging for a big military celebration on Wednesday, May 24th, as it is understood that the 93rd Battalion will not receive orders to leave for Barriefield before that date. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes will be in Lindsay to review the 109th Battalion on the afternoon of the 24th, and an effort is being made to have Sir Sam visit Peterboro in the morning and review the 93rd.

Lieut. E. T. Sterne, No. 5 Field Company, Canadian Engineers, is granted the temporary rank of captain, whilst seconded for employment under the Imperial Munitions Board.

5th Field Company—Lieut. L. W. Gill is transferred to the 6th (Kingston) Battery, 9th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.

Lieut. E. T. Sterne is seconded whilst employed under the Imperial Munitions Board.

Capt. W. J. McManus, 6th D. C. O. Rifles, Vancouver, B.C., was in the city on Monday, and may be on the camp staff during the summer. He has had extensive experience in instructional work.

It was the dinner hour, and the workmen were having the usual heated discussion about the war. An interesting deadlock had been reached when one of the men turned to a mate who had remained silent during the whole of the debate. "Ere, Bill," he said, "you're pretty good at an argument. Wet's your opinion?" "I ain't goin' to say," returned Bill. "I thrashed the matter out before with Bob Jones." "Ah!" said the other, "and what did you arrive at?" "Well," replied Bill, "Bob, 'e arrived at the ospital, an' I arrived at the police station."

In the World of Sport

Fourteen batters in the International League are hitting .400 or better.

Danny Hoffman, the veteran American leaguer and former New York State leaguer, has signed to play for Neil Ball, Bridgeport Club in the Eastern League.

As to "preparedness," there is the chap who buys a raincoat because Trotter's baseball season opens.

The Detroit American League Baseball Club has announced the release of Catcher Ray McKee to Toronto Internationals, and Infielder George Maisei to Montreal.

Rumors have it that Pitcher Rube Benton is to be released by the New York club. The erratic pitcher has not been able to accomplish much so far this summer.

George Burns, of the New York Giants, is regarded as the best throwing outfielder in the National League. They say Burns can pick 'em off from any part of the field.

Harry Hooper is now leading off for the Boston Red Sox. He has been doing sensational work, and the batting streak of Hooper and Lewis have nearly offset the loss of Speaker.

Hans Wagner's fielding has alarmed Pittsburgh baseball followers this season. The veteran shortstop is hitting the ball harder than ever, but he cannot cover the ground he used to, and already his errors have tossed two games away.

The annual rumors about Christy Matheson taking a managerial berth in the National League are floating about. He is said to have been offered one. "Matty" and his managers state emphatically that he will remain with the Giants at least for this summer.

The will of the late "Glad" Murphy was filed last week at Toronto. It had been made on January 5th, when hope of saving his life had been abandoned, being scribbled on a piece of paper in St. Michael's hospital, where Murphy suffered for several months after his accident in the Hamilton-Argonaut football game. The estate comprised a balance of \$2,184 from the Glad Murphy benefit and bank accounts aggregating \$2,820. It was all left to the unfortunate athlete's mother, Mrs. Catherine Murphy.

Newark has made a marvellous record this year in the International, having lost only one in fourteen. That one has been protested, and there is no doubt but President Barrow will decide in favor of the league leaders. Newark protested Brown, of Rochester, the pitcher who beat them, claiming that he was Joseph Labate,

who has been suspended by the Durham club of the North Carolina League. Brown has admitted that his real name is Labate. Manager Birmingham of the Leafs says he was tipped off to go after Labate, and now he is glad that he passed him up.

George Smith, the champion Canadian two-year-old of a year ago, landed the historic Kentucky Derby on Saturday, but his margin was only a neck over the English importation, Star Hawk. The latter, although defeated, looks to be the better horse of the two, and on his race certainly looks like a high-class individual, and the one to beat in the Latonia Derby, the distance of which is a mile and a half. The disappointment of the Derby on Saturday was the showing of the Whitney pair. The race showed, though, that George Smith and Star Hawk stood out by themselves.

Either Freddie Welsh or his manager, Harry Pollok, must appear before the Wisconsin Boxing Commission and answer the charge of alleged violation of the rule prohibiting fighters from using intoxicating liquors or the champion may be barred permanently from the Wisconsin ring.

The Englishman will also be asked to explain why he kept the crowd waiting thirty minutes before he appeared to fight Ever Hammer, of Chicago. Pollok, in a letter to the commission, denies that Welsh "took anything" during his bout with Hammer.

The club charged Freddie with using an alcoholic stimulant during the fight.

Three of the greatest managers in the major leagues are graduates of the old pennant-winning Baltimore Orioles, and pupils and disciples of Ned Hanlon. When Hanlon's Baltimore Birds won the National league pennant in 1894, 1895, and 1896, John J. McGraw covered third base, Hughie Jennings was shortstop and Wilbert Robinson was the mainstay behind the bat. It was by adopting the methods taught them by Ned Hanlon that McGraw and Jennings built up flag-grabbing machines. Uncle Wilbert, as pilot of the Dodgers, has yet to join the immortal company, but last year his Dodgers made a better showing than they ever have since Ned Hanlon himself annexed two girlfriends for Brooklyn.

Who is the oldest active ball player in the game today? This question is asked daily by the followers of the game. Until Rhody Wallace retired last season to accept a position as umpire he held that honor, but beginning this year Napoleon Lajoie has the honor of being the oldest player in active service. Lajoie joined the Philadelphia National League team in the fall of 1894, and he has never missed a year from the diamond, and to-day

there are few infielders who can take his place, even if he is old enough to be the father of many who are in the game. Larry was 41 last September, and, like Wagner, who is about six months older, they are the youngest old pair in the game. It was in 1897 that Wagner broke into the majors; and from then until 1910, that many of the present-day players started, and of these only a few are still in the game. Of all the players who have started since Lajoie began until the end of 1910 but 103 men remain.

Manager Ed. Savage of the Portland team cleared up the Stanley Cup situation yesterday, when he said that the Patterson Cup, emblematic of the Pacific Coast championship, and not the Stanley Cup, had been brought to Portland. Savage says too much red tape was connected with bringing it out of Canada, such as insurance, bond, etc., and it was left with Frank Patrick, president of the Coast League, at Vancouver.

Patrick promised Savage about ten days ago that he would send the cup east, and that it would be consigned to Chairman Foran of the Stanley trustees at Ottawa.

Captain Tillinghast, of New York, has taken a stand against the present early openings of the baseball season. The Yankee owner suggests that the baseballing begin along about April 26th instead of around the 12th, as at present. "But I wouldn't advocate a decrease in the number of games played," said Huston. "By opening the season on the 26th it would mean cutting off 14 playing days. Those games could be worked in by having double headers each week, say on Monday or Friday.

"Past experience has shown that it is foolhardy to start the season before the middle of April. I cannot recall one year when the weather during early and middle April was baseball weather. It either has rained or snowed or been too cold. That has meant many postponements. Even on days when the teams have been able to play the attendance has been reduced to a bare handful because the fans do not wish to risk pneumonia.

There are several other magnates in the big leagues who share Huston's views. Charlie Ebbets is one of the newest converts to the later opening faith. And in by-gone days Ebbets was the staunchest supporter of the early opening plan. Three years ago some of the Moguls became convinced of the folly of mid-April inaugurals—but they were in the minority. Their associates voted to take a chance on the weather rather than open the season later, and thus cut the schedule. But Huston's idea of a later opening without reducing the number of games seems to solve the big problem, and it is possible that the plan may be adopted next winter.

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