



FIFTY-SECOND BATTALION IS TO CAMP AT GRESLEY

Excellent Site North of City is Chosen for Completion of Its Military Training—Facilities to be Provided by City.

A site at Gresley park, at the north end of the city of Port Arthur, has been selected for the camp of the Fifty-Second battalion and the corps will be located there as soon as it can move, in order to complete its military training as a portion of the Canadian overseas forces.

The selection of the Gresley Park site was announced at a special meeting of the City Council this afternoon when it was also stated that the city would arrange for the supply of water, lights and telephones which will be installed without delay. This and sundry other work of a minor nature will be done by the city and by men of the battalion under a plan which will keep the capital expenditure down to less than five hundred dollars, three hundred of which, in the opinion of City Engineer Jones, will be permanent.

Operation of the Hodder avenue portion of the street railway is also under consideration.

The battalion will go into camp under active service conditions and all men who have recruited from the two cities will be required to sleep and eat there instead of at home or elsewhere as many of them do at present.

The site is regarded as an excellent one. The land is high and dry so that it will be easily kept in a sanitary condition. The water supply is good and the adjacent territory offers excellent opportunities for military training.

There will be 1385 men in camp, these including the Fort Frances, Rainy River and Kenora portions of the battalion which will come here shortly.

The pay roll of the battalion amounts to about \$65,000 monthly.

**232 MORE RECRUITS
TO BE TAKEN ON BY
THE FIFTY SECOND**

WILL FILL UP GAP LEFT BY THE
DRAFT FOR REINFORCEMENTS — CHURCH PARADE
SUNDAY MORNING

In May 1915, it was determined that military camp for the 52nd New Ontario Battalion would be established at Gresley Park in Port Arthur, as opposed to the regiment leaving for Sewell military camp in Manitoba. Early in May the Port Arthur News Chronicle reported that the regiment would also add an additional 232 recruits to its ranks to compensate for men of the battalion who would leave shortly to join the First Contingent in France. The battalion also received some much valued leisure time as guests of the Fort William Baseball Club where they enjoyed opening day at McKellar Park. In addition, soldiers also played a cricket match with the Port Arthur Cricketers at Current River Park and officers of the 52nd were guests of the Port Arthur Gun Club for the club's opening season..