

## WHITE TENT CITY OF GRESLEY PARK IS THING OF PAST

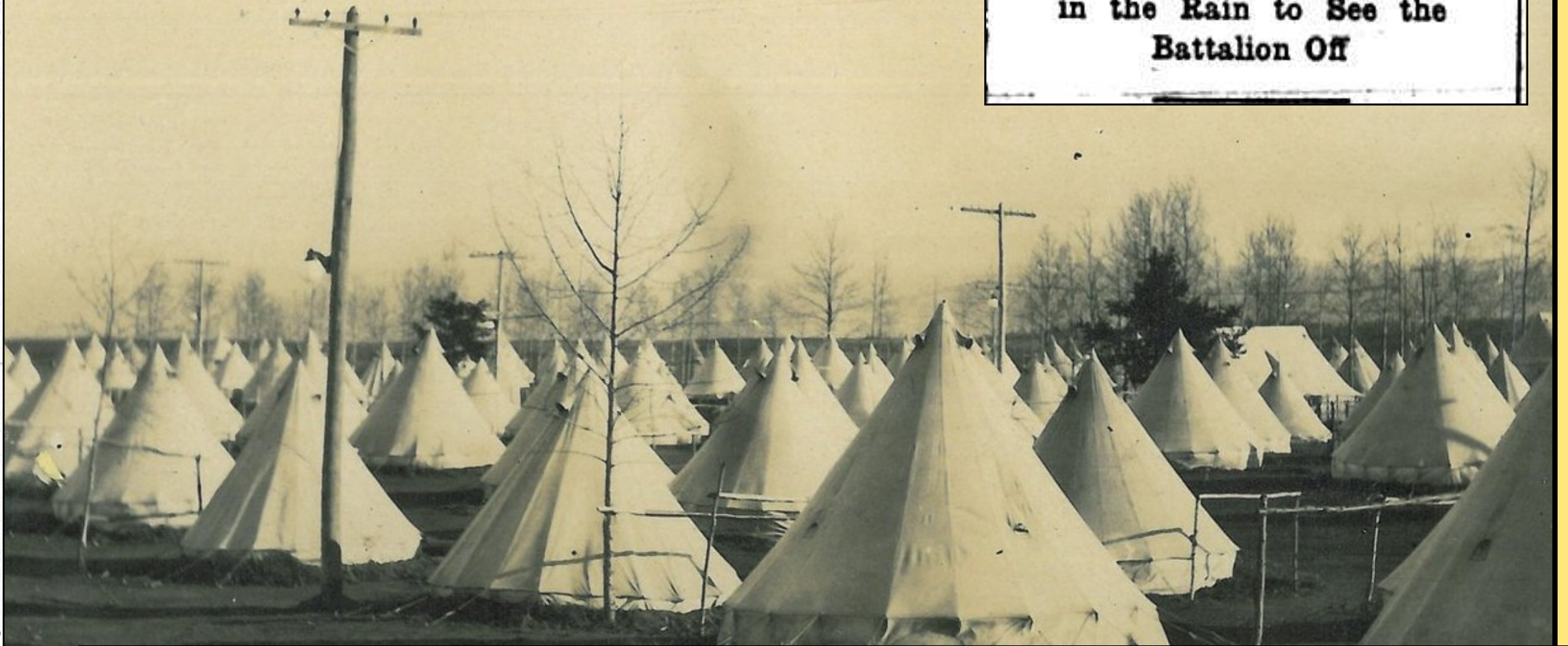
Today there is nothing left but a memory in the camp where a few hours ago were one thousand men in a busy, bustling military center. The white city of tents is a thing of the past, and the battalion is ready to move.

Yesterday all the tents and camp equipment were taken down and packed away for shipment to St. John. The men slept on the floor of the armory last night, and so inured have they become to military hardships and taking at all times whatever falls to their lot that this morning the boys are all as fresh as daisies and say they all had a good night's rest. Up till 9 o'clock every man in the battalion was busy cleaning up rubbish at the camp and setting fire to all refuse. The rest of the morning was spent in battalion drill at Current River park, after which general leave was given. The men scattering to various points in Fort William and Port Arthur to say good-bye to relatives and friends.

The departure of the troops from the head of the lakes will leave a gap that will be hard to fill, even though another battalion is soon to be recruited in our midst. The individual members of the battalion have made many friends in Fort William and Port Arthur who are truly sorry to see them go, but yet proud of their willingness to go, proud of the manly standard that they have reached through months of hard drilling, and proud too of the name they will assuredly make for themselves as they take part in the greatest conflict in the world's history.

## CHEERS AND TEARS WERE MINGLED WHEN THE 52ND BOYS ENTRAINED LAST NIGHT

**Ten Thousand People Turned Out  
in the Rain to See the  
Battalion Off**



November 1915 was extremely busy for the 52nd New Ontario Battalion. In the previous month it was learnt that the battalion was to mobilize for St. John, New Brunswick where they would await orders to embark overseas for Europe. Before leaving for St. John, the battalion dismantled a majority of their Gresley Park military camp site, sleeping at the Port Arthur Armory instead. On November 3rd, the battalion paraded through the city of Port Arthur, to the cheers of ten thousand people where they boarded their train to St. John. On the way to St. John, the 52nd was generously given 1000 pumpkin pies by the residents of Schreiber, Ontario. The battalion also stopped in Ottawa and were inspected by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Sir Robert Borden, Sir Sam Hughes and other high ranking military officers which praised the military unit. Coincidentally it was rumoured that the battalion was to be renamed "The Fifty-Second Duke of Connaught's Own Light Infantry".