

141ST BULL MOOSE BATTALION

COL. McKENZIE RELIEVED

It was an unusual month for the 141st Bull Moose Battalion in September 1916. While the battalion trained rigorously in the Lakehead and only 154 men were required to reach the full strength of 1030 soldiers, without any warning whatsoever Lieut. Col. D.C. McKenzie of Fort Frances was relieved of his command. With no reason being given for the commander being relieved of his duties, the future of the battalion remained uncertain. It was found out days later that a military inquiry would take place and the nature of the investigation would concentrate on the funds of the unit. Official despatches also stated that the Lieut. Col. was only to be temporarily suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry. Officers and soldiers rallied around McKenzie and offered their support throughout. An audit of the battalion's books by Captain Troostwyk, paymaster of the 96th and Captain J. Moser of the district pay office revealed that everything was in good order. Lieut. Col. McKenzie testified under the military board of inquiry at the end of September and shortly after, the inquiry concluded and their report would be presented to the officials of Military District No.10 before going public. While the results of the report would not be known to citizens of the Lakehead for some time, the next month would see the battalion involved in another possibly related incident..... stay tuned in October for the story's conclusion

**MEN OF THE 141ST
SHOW CONFIDENCE
IN LT. COL. M'KENZIE**

**PREMIER SAYS LT. COL. M'KENZIE
WILL HAVE FULL OPPORTUNITY
TO PRESENT HIS SIDE OF CASE**

LATE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 141ST



Lieutenant-Colonel D. C. McKenzie