

## Farms for Returned Soldiers in District Near Port Arthur

### MINISTER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT



With more and more soldiers returning to the Lakehead from the front, the Great War Veterans Association of both Port Arthur and Fort William increased its membership throughout the months of August and September. The Fort William branch stated that its organization now consisted of 85 members. The Port Arthur branch had the official opening of its club rooms within the old municipal building. During this formal ceremony, Mayor Cowan dedicated the building to the association, photographs of fallen Port Arthur soldiers were unveiled and before the musical program many guest speakers were welcomed. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Great War Veterans Association was also formed and held their inaugural meeting in August 1917.

It was announced in early August that the Government of Ontario would make available a parcel of land for returning soldiers in the Thunder Bay District. This agricultural colony would be established near the city of Port Arthur.

The Keefer Convalescent Home was also in the news during September. There was speculation that the convalescent home would be used for invalided officers from Military District No.10. If this plan was implemented, returning privates and non-commissioned officers would use the Railway, Marine and General Hospital.

## TOUCHING TRIBUTES TO DEAD WHEN VETERANS' CLUB OPENED

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