

# RETURNED OFFICERS PLAN TO REVIVE NINETY SIXTH

An enthusiastic meeting of the overseas officers of the Port Arthur district was held in the Prince Arthur Hotel last night, on the occasion of the visit of Brigadier General F. W. Hill, who has been at the head of the lakes for the past two weeks on official business. The spirit of the meeting was mainly the re-organization of a militia unit in Port Arthur and Port William, on a peace basis. Practically all of the officers present signified their intention of remaining in the service should a regiment be formed here and this was taken as a big step in the desired direction.

## The Ninety-Sixth

While it has been stated at times that the Ninety-Sixth regiment had passed out of existence and had come to an inglorious end, this is not the case. The regiment, which has for many years been the Lake Superior regiment with headquarters at Port Arthur, passed through upwards of 2,500 men for overseas service and supplied ninety-eight officers for overseas, including one Brigadier General and five Lieut.-Colonels together with numerous Captains and Lieutenants. It was stated in many instances last night that the regiment had a record that any might be proud of.

Brigadier General Hill spoke on the advisability of forming a unit here which could be recruited from many of the overseas men now returned to the twin cities. It was also suggested by another speaker that the armories could be used as a club room for the men of the unit when formed. Dances could be arranged, a canteen could be installed and num-

berless enjoyments could be indulged in the spacious building, which is now being renovated.

While no suggestion was made last night as to who should head the new unit, it has been hinted that Lieut. Col. S. C. Young might take over command with a staff of officers who have also seen active service overseas.

## Another Meeting Soon

Another meeting of the officers will be held shortly and the details of organization will be thoroughly gone into. Should the new unit be formed it will likely consist of two double companies in each city with a weekly drill night, the headquarters to be decided upon later. It is understood that the government has made an appropriation to assist militia units to re-organize in certain districts to be selected by a board of officers.

Those present at last night's affair were: Brigadier General Hill, Lieut. Colonels, Milton Francis, S. C. Young, R. H. Neeland, Majors J. D. Young, H. A. Ruttan, J. A. Crozier, W. J. Hamilton, R. C. Powell, B. A. Cousins, Captains, G. S. Skinner, J. E. Jenkinson, Lester Cain, W. L. McCullough, Kingsley Jarvis, T. J. Williams, E. Cardinal, Douglas Kerr, H. E. Lloyd Owen, P. H. B. Dawson, W. B. S. Gordon, J. G. O'Neill, Lieutenants, A. S. Mason, R. E. Harstone, W. J. Brien, H. E. Smith, J. S. Cattanch, W. Gibson, R. Y. Inglis, J. Oliver, George Parkinson, H. T. Hancock, W. V. Adams, A. Skinner, W. Waddell, C. H. Gorrie, W. H. Jarvis, J. Griffith, J. L. Booth, Private H. E. A. Rogers, secretary of the G. W. V. A. and others.