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**HORSES FOR THE ARMY.**

**Local Purchases.**

**How Tradesmen Are Affected.**

A sight possible only at a time of war has been witnessed in the streets within the past few days. Imperative orders have been issued by the War Office for the purchase of a great number of horses in all parts of the Kingdom, and Worthing has been required to make its contribution to the number.

Acting upon instructions from London, Captain Prentice has directed the work locally, and the expert selection has been made by Mr. Percival Carter, veterinary surgeon; payment being made on the spot and on a very just scale, all well regulated by the class of animal thus secured.

All sorts of vehicles belonging to local tradesmen, carts, vans, and waggons, have been

**Stopped In The Street.**

and the animals removed from the shafts, for everything must give way to military necessities, whilst private stables have also been visited. In only one case have those who are entrusted with the purchase been met in anything but a patriotic spirit.

The purchases up to Saturday numbered about seventy, all the horses being ordered to be assembled at the Steyne School Playing Field in Brighton-road that afternoon.

Other horses are being secured, including some of the draught variety, and it is in the highest degree probable that the next demand of the Government will be for motor cars and other mechanically-propelled vehicles.