

50 MEMBERS OF 48TH GIVEN SEND-OFF TO-DAY

No Word Has Yet Been Received From Ottawa as to Recruiting for New Units.

At 10.30 this morning fifty men enrolled by the 48th Highlanders were given a send-off by their comrades-in-arms at the Armouries. They represented the quota of men from that regiment who are to fill the gaps in the 35th Battalion at Niagara camp, which has been depleted by drafts sent at various times to reinforce the first contingent.

No further word has been received by the local authorities relative to the recruiting of men for the four new battalions from this division, and in the meantime the men whose names were put on a waiting list for enlistment in the new battalions have been called upon to fill further gaps in the 58th Battalion. Officers of the local units have had no difficulty in enlisting recruits, though they are confident the proposed lowering of the standard would be necessary to enrol the number of men necessary when the order comes to recruit the new battalions. In this connection some comment has been aroused by the cases in which men have been returned from the doctors at Niagara after passing the examination in this city.

Col. Genet, who has received official notice that he is to command the 58th Battalion, is completing his staff and arranging to mobilize the battalion at Niagara some time next week. The day has not been definitely decided upon when the battalion will move to camp, but at present the day fixed is Wednesday. Major F. L. Burton has been provisionally appointed adjutant of the 58th Battalion. He has been second in command of the Toronto civic guard at the filtration plant during the winter.

Owing to the recent common outbreaks of bush fires and other disturbances at the **Kapuskasing** camp, an increase of fifty men has been ordered for the guard. These men will be supplied from the Governor-General's Body Guard, the 9th Mississauga Horse, and the 36th Peel Regiment. There are at present nearly 1,100 prisoners in this camp, which is situated seventy miles from Cochrane along the Government road.

Recruiting was started this morning for the 42 men from the 2nd Field Company, Canadian Engineers, required for temporary service at Niagara camp in anticipation of the arrival of the new battalions. At present there are only 25 men at the camp engaged in construction work. This detachment will include 25 carpenters, 1 cook, 1 cook's helper, 2 linemen, 2 plumbers, 1 stenographer, 1 clerk, 1 blacksmith, and 10 assorted trades.