

## Russians Enlisting.

The Russian drive on the east front is probably responsible for the drive of Russians from the west, with Toronto as a base. Already several platoons of Russians have been formed in the various units now recruiting in Toronto. In fact the Stivs of Toronto are setting a fine example to Celt, Gael, and Anglo-Saxon in proportion to their numbers. The Buffs, Beavers, and Bantams have each a platoon of Russians, and there has now come into existence a double hyphenated recruit, namely, Russian-Irish-Canadians, for the 208th Irish has adopted a platoon of sturdy subjects of the Czar. Five Russians were enlisted in one batch in the 208th Battalion a few days ago.

"They are great for palling together," said Lieut. Forbes Grassick, who has become a practical internationalist since he has thrown himself into the business of recruiting.

The 208th recruiting depot is perhaps the most cosmopolitan place in Canada just now. Men of every nationality seem to be interested in the war; letters come from every part of the continent inquiring as to conditions of service. There are a number of Serbians already in khaki, and a large number of Italians distributed throughout the Canadian forces. Lieut.-Col. Burton could have recruited a company of Japanese for the Bantams, but the idea was not entertained by Headquarters.