

RECRUITING HERE FOR COLORED MEN

Campaign Starts in Montreal for Volunteers for No. 2 Construction Battalion

4 JOINED YESTERDAY

Recruit for Kitchener's Own Had Never Boarded Train Before—Pioneers Se- cured 9 Recruits

The No. 2 Construction Battalion, which, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Sutherland, is authorized to recruit colored men from all over the Dominion opened recruiting offices at 125 St. Antoine street yesterday, and early in the evening had already signed on four men. The local recruiting campaign is under the command of Capt. Morrison, who will explain the terms of enlistment and appeal to the local colored men to defend the liberties they have always enjoyed under the British flag. Only colored men will be accepted in the battalion, and it is preferred that these have some experience at construction work of some kind or other.

The battalion headquarters are at present at Truro, N.S., to which place they were transferred from Pictou. Capt. Morrison states that the majority of colored men in Canada are either in Nova Scotia or in the western provinces. Aside from the colony in Montreal there are no others in this province, and many of the Montreal colored men are but transients. The battalion is simultaneously beginning its campaign in Toronto, and there is expected to be keen rivalry between the colored colonies in Canada's two leading cities.

The men signed on yesterday are: John W. Davis, William Gales, James Boyd, and Albert Alberga.

JOINED KITCHENER'S OWN.

Thomas Temples, of Renfrew, one of the recruits signed on by Kitchener's Own yesterday, is known far and wide in the north country as a hunter of wild game and a crack shot with the rifle. He came out of the wilds of Renfrew to enlist, and on his arrival there he expressed a wish to be a member of Kitchener's Own, so a friend wrote to the battalion's headquarters in Montreal and arranged for his transportation. His trip down to Montreal was the first time that he had ever been aboard a train.

Sam Mitiff, who for two years served in the Bulgarian Army, but who, for the past few years has been a naturalized Canadian residing at Hearst, Ontario, was among the seven members of the guard of the Kapuskasing internment camp to join the 244th Battalion yesterday. Two of the others, Gunnar and Fred. Johnson, are from Vixye, Sweden.

Albert Mitchell, of Waverley, Mass., another of yesterday's recruits to Kitchener's Own, has had considerable experience in the American Army, having served in the 8th United States Cavalry and the 5th United States Infantry. The others to enlist yesterday were: Harry Horn, of Cobalt; William H. Peterson, of Milton Heights, Ont.; George Hawkins, James Bowden, James P. Yeates, of Montreal, and George Eceles, of St. Lambert.

NINE PIONEER RECRUITS.

Nine recruits were secured by the 5th Overseas Pioneer Battalion yesterday. A detachment of men left Montreal last night for Valcartier Camp, leaving the Moreau Street Station at 11.30. Among the men who left last night were four men for the giant squad, which is growing rapidly. A number of friends and relatives of the men gathered at the recruiting headquarters in the Ogilvy Building, and spent the evening with them prior to their departure for the railroad station. Several recent additions have been made to the sporting platoon, which is being led by Lieut. Roddy Campbell, and one of these men will participate in the athletic events at the big military meet, to be held this afternoon at Valcartier Camp. A second member of this platoon is entered in the boxing competitions, and as he is a boxer of note, it is expected that he will give a good account of himself.

Billy Williamson, the Pioneer mascot, will participate in a special service to be held on Sunday evening, in the Centenary Methodist Church, Point St. Charles. Billy has been engaged to sing several selections.

The recruiting meetings of the Pioneers which have proved to be big attractions recently, will be resumed this evening both at Phillips Square and in Verdun. Several sneakers have been secured. Billy Williamson will probably take part in both of the meetings.

This evening at 8 o'clock the 5th Royal Highlanders' Band will give a concert at Westmount Park, and there will be recruiting speeches by Captain H. L. Hoyles, O.C., 1st Reinforcing Company, 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada, and Lieut. Jas. Young, second in command.

The Reinforcing Company took on four recruits yesterday, as a result of the meeting on Fletcher's Field, and it is hoped that they will be as successful at Westmount. The next band concert and recruiting meeting will be

at the Grand Trunk Football Grounds on Friday, at which meeting Mr. Alec. Mavor, superintendent of the Grand Trunk Shops, will preside, and Brig.-Gen. Sir Alexander Bertram will be the principal speaker.

FOR FORESTRY BATTALION.

A number of recruits were taken on yesterday by the 242nd Forestry Battalion, C.E.F.

Lieut. Henry H. White, of St. Faustin Station, who joined, was born in Westboro, Ont., in 1896. Since leaving college he has been employed by the Rioron Pulp & Paper Company, Limited, in their wood department and sawmills.

Lieut. W. A. Faulkner was born in 1874, and was at sea as a R.N. Reserve officer for eleven years. Was marine superintendent at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia for six and a half years. Served three years at hydraulic mining, in the United States, as well as contracting for lighthouse construction. He was superintendent of buildings and grounds at Tent City, California, for four years.

Lieut. Ross Malcolm, Campbellton, saw part of the battle of Ypres, with the Canadian Engineers, and served as despatch rider. He speaks enthusiastically of the work being done by Canadians and wants to get back into it. He will have two brothers with him in the 242nd Battalion, and all are looking forward to getting overseas soon with the Forestry Battalion.

The following recruits were taken on yesterday: Henry Amede Grise, Thomas Leonard, Napolin Larin, Thomas Dawes, Joshua Allan Burd, Thomas Henry Gillard, William Great, William Bradshaw, James MacKenzie, Charles McDonnell, Alexander Laroque, Napoleon Labonte, Jack Malcolm, William Ladouceur and Joseph LaFrance.