RIOTERS WENT DOWN FIGHTING

Anti-Conscription Speakers at Winnipeg Were Silenced in Rush of Returned Soldiers.

ALDERMAN QUEEN LOST CLOTHING AND DIGNITY

Clubs, Canes and Umbrellas Freely Used—Many Alien Enemies in Mob.

WINNIPEG, July 2.—An anti-conscriptionist meeting was called for the city hall square Sunday afternoon and was broken up by returned soldiers. There was free fighting on all sides. Alderman Queen, who was chairman, was stripped of his clothing. His toggery was exhibited around by ex-soldiers as trophies. Before he was rescued his face was streaked with blood.

Alderman Queen, after asking the meeting to be quiet, started his address with "The Government of this country is endeavoring to introduce a conscription—" but this was as far as he got. Some one in the crowd yelled "Get him," while another yelled "Charge," and Alderman Queen went down from his stand. In quick time the two factions were mixing it. Clubs, canes and umbrellas were the more common weapons.

Many Alien Enemies.

Police intervention alone averted a riot at the scene of the anti-conscription meeting yesterday afternoon. Four arrests by the city police followed a free for all fight in which anti-conscriptionists were quickly driven from the neighborhood of Market Square where the speeches were to have been delivered. A foreigner also was arrested by district intelligence officers. He will be dealt with tomorrow.

Attempted to Use Knife.

Clubs were freely used during the fight and hammers also played a destructive part. One foreigner was caught in the act of stabbing with a clasp knife a returned soldier. Alderman Queen, who attempted to speak, made a successful get-away, although not without being mauled. All of the arrested men were anti-conscriptonsts. Last evening they were released on bail, no charges being preferred.

The crowd in attendance was estimated at 9000. Returned soldiers dashed from one floor to another in the Chamber of Commerce building looking for anti-conscriptionists leaders, who, they believed, were in hiding.