

DISCUSS HOUSING NEW BATTALION

Col. Bruce's Men Will Likely Be Stationed in St. Matthew's Hall, Brandon.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 10. -- Much speculation is afloat here as to where the new battalion in this city to be raised by Col. Bruce will be housed pending their removal to Winnipeg. St. Matthew's hall has been mentioned as a suitable building but the authorities are now considering various buildings, and their decision, it is expected, will be made known in a few days. The men will only need to be housed for a short time, as they will be moved to Sewell as soon as possible in the early spring.

The only appointment that has been made by Col. Bruce thus far is said to be that of D. W. Beaubier as quartermaster. The commanding officer is busily engaged making final arrangements with the military department at present, but expects to be in the middle of organizing the new battalion within the next week or so. The 79th battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Clingan, is, as already reported, well above full strength, and thus the local field for recruits is left wide open for the new battalion. It is understood that the new battalion will be essentially a Brandon regiment, and the success of the officers in their recruits' campaign is thought to be already assured.

Another couple of hundred prisoners of the Alien Prisoners camp are about to be sent to Jasper Park, Alberta, to be engaged on the public roads in that district. This will leave 514 prisoners in the local camp.

The directors of the Brandon General hospital at their first meeting following their election unanimously re-elected John Inglis as honorary treasurer to the institution. Dr. Harcourt will also retain his position as vice-president of the board.

Another cinquette of applicants of alien nationality who sought naturalization papers, has been turned down by Judge Cumberland, who rigidly adheres to his former decision to grant no more such applications until the war is a thing of the past.

"Are We Winning the War?" As the subject of an address to be delivered at the First Methodist church by H. L. McGill, of Vancouver, tomorrow night.