

Great enthusiasm is being displayed at the Arena Rink tonight, where over 300 men of the 51st Soo Rifles are drilling. It is expected that an important announcement will be made by the officers of the 51st Soo Regiment tonight at the armouries, when the Regiment meets at eight o'clock in full uniform for inspection. The recent action taken by the Canadian military authorities in regard to available men may have a direct bearing on the local regiment, and to the Star today a member of the regiment stated that something of a very interesting nature would be announced tonight.

While no great fuss has been made about it the Star is informed that a substantial number of the officers and men have volunteered for active service. It is generally understood that city regiments will be called into service only to garrison Canadian ports, etc., but it is worthy of note that many of the Soo men are offering their services for actual service on the firing line, and are prepared to go with any contingent which sails from Canada to take part in a campaign which, under present conditions, may last through the winter.

An officer of the regiment remarked to the Star this afternoon that if a contingent left Canada for the Motherland, to take part in the military operations on the continent, the 51st would feel slighted if not given a chance to place men on the list. It would seem that in enlisting the men the officers exercised judgement which is now being borne out by the willingness of the men to secure positions on the firing line.