

## Novel Recruiting Methods.

Brandon, Man., Feb. 28.—The whole of this city was today literally sparkling with merru enthusiasm. Scores of men of all ages and nationality were rushing to join the ranks and recruiting scenes for the time being, were the outstanding features of the day. This result is apparently due to the inspiration of the officers commanding the 79th overseas battalion, who allowed the battalion to be let loose to see what

they could do in the way of a general recruiting campaign.

With the regimental band parading the street and knots of soldiers at every corner putting into practical effect the axiom that has again and again been impressed by local ministers of the gospel that every man must give good reason why he should not render service to the Empire in this world crisis. Some remarkable scenes of patriotism were witnessed.

### Enthusiasm Contagious.

The contagion of the enthusiasm of crowds of boys in khaki, was apparent on every hand. It is hardly likely that a big proportion of the applications will be accepted. Boys of tender age, as well as grey-bearded men, offered their services. Greeks, Austrians, Russians, and several other nationalities, are among those seeking enlistment, and deep disappointment is evidently expressed with sincerity by men of alien nationality, whose applications are turned down.

Meanwhile the common slackers of the bum class disappeared from the street corners, as if by magic, and any likely young fellow who could be got hold of by the zealous patriots in khaki were quite unable to withstand the arguments advanced, and falling to show the "good reason" referred to, became willing victims, and assuming at the instant a marshal air marched proudly with their escort to the barracks. The new recruits are apparently pleased at having been invited to join the ranks. "This is the first time I have ever been asked," was apologetically asserted by young fellows who tried to explain why they have not joined long ago.

### Cheer New Recruits.

Stalwart young farmers coming into the city with their rigs were carried away with the prevailing enthusiasm, and left their rigs in safety until they could go and sign up and pass through the necessary medical examination. The sight of a new recruit invariably brought a cheer from the soldiers. Women were crowding the thoroughfares and their very presence appeared to encourage the timorous minded to do the gallant thing.

Meanwhile the clerical staff at the headquarters of the 79th, with Capt. Norquay, Lieut. Handy and Sergt. Sparrow in charge, were having all they could do in dealing with the applications.