LUTHERAN PREACHER HAD UNPLEASANT TRIP

Soldiers Forced Him to Parada—Believed to Have Refused to Leave Berlin.

Berlin, Ont., March 6.—About fifty soldiers of the 118th battalion caused considerable excitement along King street about 11 o'clock Saturday night, when they escorted Rev. C. R. Tappert, pastor of a Lutheran church here, from his house to the barracks singing patriotic airs, and cheering lustily along the route. The soldiers called at the reverend gentleman's house shortly after 10.30 o'clock and were refused admission. They forced an entrance and requested Mr. Tappert to put on his coat and hat and come along with them. These orders were resented and the preacher made a strenuous effort to push the men in khaki out of the house. The soldiers then pulled him out of the house without his hat and overcoat and the procession proceeded to King street and from there to the barracks. Here the officers interfered and the men were dispersed. Captains Fraser and Routley accompanied Rev. Mr. Tappert back to his home.

The affair was a surprise to the officers and was organized quietly. Rev. Mr. Tappert, it was understood, had been given until March 1 to leave the city, and the soldiers claimed that he was defying the authorities. Outside of being bruised from fall-

ing down the steps in front of his house Mr. Tappert was not seriously injured.