

HAMILTON RECRUITERS GET STRAIGHT ANSWER

RETURNED SOLDIER NOT FOUND QUALIFIED FOR PENSION OFFICE.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Hamilton, June 4.—Col. Labatt, Chairman, and Major Buchanan of the Pensions Board met the Hamilton Recruiting League to hear complaints over the fact that a returned soldier had not been appointed Pension Officer here. F. T. Orgill, the possessor of an A.R. button, had been given the position. This afternoon Major Buchanan said they had made every endeavor to get a returned soldier who was qualified for the position. It was offered to Lt.-Col. Ballard and Lt.-Col. McCullough. Mr. Orgill applied, and was told that he could not have the position unless he volunteered again for active service and was rejected. He did offer himself, and was rejected for overseas, and then secured the position. Major Buchanan said that out of fourteen pensions officers appointed, eleven were returned soldiers and the other three A.R. men.

F. W. Tresham of the Great War Veterans' Association complained because the board paid one of its employees only \$600 a year. Col. Labatt said the man was careless, and lost his position through drink. Col. Labatt said if the League had a returned soldier qualified for the position he could have it. The League then passed a resolution thanking the Pension Board members for coming here and making such a satisfactory explanation of their action.

No Licenses for Aliens.

The Police Commissioners this afternoon made good their threat to refuse a license of any kind to an alien enemy. The board declined to renew the pool-room license of J. Ivanhoff, a Bulgarian, who had been in business here for twelve years. Mayor Booker said that all licenses held by alien enemies should be taken from them and given to returned soldiers. J. McDonald was granted a pool-room license for 697 Barton street east, although there was a largely signed petition against it.

A by-law will be drafted prohibiting any person under twenty years of age from driving a jitney.

Lutherans in Khaki.

Mayor Booker this morning welcomed the delegates to the ninth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Jacob Mauer, M.A., the President, was in the chair, and gave a report on the work of the year. The Lutherans established their first church in Canada one hundred years ago in Nova Scotia. The second church was started in Dundas county and the third in Waterloo. The Lutheran Church, he said, was doing its share in the great war. There were 1,800 communicants in this Synod, and twenty-five per cent. of the eligible male members were in khaki. His son and a son of Rev. N. Willison, the Secretary, are serving overseas.

At this evening's session of the Lutheran Synod, Rev. H. J. Behrens addressed the candidates for ordination. The following were ordained as ministers: Ernest H. Beckman and Carl Sorensen, Hamilton; Paul Selgner, Tavistock. Mr. Beckman has been called to Galt, Mr. Sorensen to Dunbar, and Mr. Selgner to Ottawa. The ordination service was conducted by Rev. J. Maurer, the President. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. Maurer, Williamsburg; Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville; Treasurer, C. H. Fierheller.

Veterans Demand Conscription.

The Great War Veterans' Association to-night passed resolutions calling on the Federal Government to adopt some form of conscription in order to reinforce Canadians overseas, and the Military Convalescent Hospital Commission to establish a large convalescent home here without delay. Col. R. H. Labatt, Chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners, addressed the meeting. Major Buchanan, chief investigator for the board, was also present. A Board of Trustees was appointed to administer the funds of the association.