



Military Celebration in Winnipeg, on Sunday, May 10th, in memory of Batoche. Veterans, are especially popular in line of march.

## A Problem and a Parade

**T**HE problem of the unemployed has pressed heavily upon Montreal and Toronto during the past winter and has even affected the optimistic atmosphere of Winnipeg. Those who are acquainted with conditions in the latter city believe that they mean trouble in the near future unless the public arouses to their threatening possibilities.

Between four and five thousand of the foreign element of Winnipeg united in holding a monster demonstration on May Day, commemorating the great socialistic holiday. The crowd assembled in the early morning in St. John's Park and, forming in line, paraded through the principal streets of the city, bearing red flags upon which was the inscrip-

tion, "We Want Work." In the evening the celebration was continued in the Trades Hall and hundreds were turned away, unable to gain admittance. It was the first demonstration of its kind ever held in the city of Winnipeg and, as nothing was known of it until three thousand men were marching through the streets, a momentary alarm was spread throughout the city until investigation proved it was not so serious as reported. All those who participated in the affair were foreigners, most of whom are, at present, out of work.

A somewhat different scene was the gathering on Sunday, May 10th, when two thousand of the military of Winnipeg joined in the celebration of the anniversary of the Battles of Fish Creek and Batoche, commemorating the day by decorating the

graves of their fallen comrades who met death in those engagements. The Battle of Batoche occurred on May 12th, 1885. The Dominion forces were under the command of Major-General Middleton and for three days in the engagement they were in constant fighting with Riel's Half-Breeds and Indians. The Winnipeg troops were brigaded with "C" Infantry Company of Toronto, the 10th Royal Grenadiers and part of the Midland Battalion and "B" Battery of Quebec. The 90th Rifles and the 13th Field Battery represented the Winnipeg troops. The Battle of Fish Creek took place on April 24th, 1885.

There may have been no significance in the public appearance of the military, so soon after a red-flag celebration by the unemployed, but the average citizen finds the latter somewhat disquieting.



Parade of Unemployed in Winnipeg, from St. John's Park, on May Day, with thousands of foreigners carrying the red flag.

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