

PRISONERS OF WAR AT LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge Herald.--Chicken of a decidedly different type than the winged variety will make Lethbridge their home in future, if the plans of Colonel Wetherby and Cruikshanks pan out. The poultry building at the fair grounds is to be converted into a military prison, according to the announcement made by Manager McNicol this morning. The two military officers inspected the fair grounds this morning, and their recommendations to Ottawa authorities will likely decide the issue.

The authorities have been puzzled for some time as to where they could confine the prisoners of war captured in the province. The penal institutions are practically full, and the question has been a hard one to solve. There are no accommodations in Calgary, and those at the Lethbridge fair grounds meet with the approval of the officers.

The poultry building will be utilized first, and if that is filled, there is enough room in the other buildings and haylofts to accommodate several German or Austrian regiments.

The establishment of the military prison here will mean much to Lethbridge. The city donates the buildings to the Crown, but fortunately for the merchants of the city, the Huns and Hungarians will have to be fed. All the supplies will be purchased locally, and there will be an additional staff of several guards to feed and clothe.

So far as is known, no outside prisoners will be brought here. But the number of German and Austrian reservists captured in the province has been large, and they will be brought here from practically every point in Alberta.