

# TURKISH PRISONERS PASS THROUGH CITY

## 98 From Brantford En Route to Kingston—Two Natural- ized Canadians.

The colony of **Turks** rounded up and arrested at Brantford on Monday by the military authorities at the request of the Dominion police passed through Toronto at noon today en route to Fort Henry at Kingston, where they will be interned. There was 98 **Turks** in the party in charge of an armed guard of thirty men of the 38th Regiment of Brantford under command of Captain George Sager. The party traveled in three cars attached to the rear of the Grand Trunk express, which arrived at 12.18.

It was first understood that the **Turks** would be brought to Toronto and confined in Stanley Barracks, but as there was no room here the authorities at Ottawa ordered them sent to Kingston. There are some 150 prisoners at the fort in Kingston now.

The news that the **Turks** under armed guard would pass through the city drew a large crowd to the station. The Grand Trunk at the request of Captain Sager hauled the coaches out of the train shed and put them on a siding in the coach yard at Simcoe street till the train was due to leave for Kingston at 1.50. The **Turks** were fed in the cars with food brought by the troops.

Some of the **Turks** were dejected and appeared to be angry at the authorities, while others smiled and chatted in English out of the windows to the railroad men. Others were huddled up in the corners of seats fast asleep. A few played cards, a **Turkish** game apparently. Others read the papers, and one fellow was devouring the war despatches.

In speaking to The Star two of the prisoners said that they were naturalized Canadians. One had his papers ten years, the other one six. They couldn't understand why they were arrested.

"The majority of my countrymen worked in and around **Brantford** in the shops, and it was a surprise to us when the military men took us and put us in the armories," said one of them.

Captain Sager told The Star that the chief reason why the men were taken in charge was that there are 400 Armenians living in Brantford, and when Turkey declared war on the allies the authorities were afraid of an uprising. Guards stood at each end of the coaches with others scattered through the cars.