

# VERNON SELECTED AS TRAINING CAMP FOR B. C. TROOPS

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Vernon has been picked as the site for the new concentration camp for British Columbia troops and when buildings and grounds are made ready the 47th battalion, quartered at Queen's park, New Westminster, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Winsby; the 11th C. M. R., which Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick commands, at Hastings park; the 54th battalion, being recruited in the Kootenays under the command of Col. W. M. Davis of Vancouver, and the 48th battalion, Victoria, Lieut.-Col. Holmes commanding, will be stationed, trained and fitted there for war on Germany.

Vernon's alien enemy detention camp will be enlarged as well, to accommodate additional prisoners of war and Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., said today that there would be no other alien detention camps opened in the province.

It was planned to establish another camp for German and Austrian prisoners of war, but the government has reconsidered its original intention and decided, on recommendation of Mr. Stevens and Major Ridgway Wilson, in charge of alien prisoners, to extend the camp at Vernon instead. Mr. Stevens and the major were in Vernon last week.

Vernon is said to offer many advantages as a concentration camp for troops in training. Fine open lands, good climate and easy access to railway transportation were the deciding factors in Vernon's favor. Four thousand troops will be quartered at Vernon.