

CONVICTS MAKING BOOTS FOR INTERNED ALIENS

Use of Prisoners Interned in Fort Henry.

Kingston, July 27.—The boots being used at Fort Henry, are being made at the penitentiary, by convict labor. There has been considerable trouble in getting suitable boots for the prisoners and on this account convicts were put to work on the job. They are turning out "Cobourgs," and the boots are of the same type as the convicts make for their own use. Tenders were called for the work, among different manufacturers and their price was \$2.50 a pair per hundred. The cost of the material and labor at the penitentiary is \$2.85. The convicts at the present time have 600 pair on hand and 350 pair have been sent to the fort. The recent commission which made an investigation at the penitentiary, recommended that prisoners be taken off the stone pile and given shop work and so they are being given the work of making these shoes even if the cost is a little more than if the work was done outside the prison.