

# GERMANS REBUILDING

## ONE OF THE OLD WALLS OF FORT HENRY.

Seven German Reserve Officers in the Internment Camp—Baron Polenz Is the Prisoners' Emperor.

The prisoners of war are being given every possible opportunity to work inside the walls of Fort Henry. Between the upper and the lower court is a short road cut through from one level to the other. Lieut.-Col. J. J. H. Fee, commandant at the fort, has a number of prisoners-of-war re-building a wall and they are making a splendid job of it.

There are now seven reserve officers of the German army in the fort. They are treated a little better than the others, although as far as the government is concerned all are alike. Baron Polenz is acknowledged by the prisoners to be the German Emperor of Fort Henry, and they look to him and the other six ex-officers for guidance in any trouble they might have with themselves or the guards. He exerts a great influence but is broad-minded enough to see that internment for naturalized Germans in Canada is necessary under the war circumstances, and he is responsible in a way for the pleasant conditions existing at the fort.

All day long the men throw quoits, wash their clothes, play cards or loaf as the mood takes them. They have splendid quarters around the lower court. Wood-carving takes up a great part of their time and some of the work is being done is splendid. One fellow has a German coin with the spread eagle on the reverse side and the cut of the Kaiser on the face. This fellow is carving both figures on a wall plaque and the result is wonderful. A glass is used to magnify the lines in the figures and the work will be perfect in every detail when finished. When asked how long he had been at it, the fellow replied four months.