

ENEMY ALIENS

TRIED DYNAMITE

Attempted to Blow Up Guards
at Dixie Remount
Depot

PREVENTED BY SENTRY

Escaped in Dark, but Three
Sticks of Dynamite Were
Discovered—Provincial
Police on Hunt

Provincial and military police are engaged hunting for the suspected enemy aliens who attempted to blow up the guards at the British Remount Depot at Dixie on the night of the 13th. No trace of the men has been found as yet, and it is likely that there will be considerable difficulty getting them, as a number of Austrian and German aliens have been employed in the neighborhood of Dixie for some time past.

There is no doubt that an attempt to blow up the hut in which some sixty of the guards from the Composites are quartered was made as three sticks of dynamite were found under the building. In order to settle the matter an experiment was tried yesterday afternoon at a field near the spot. One of the sticks of dynamite was buried, exactly as found, with fuse and detonating cap, and the fuse was ignited. The explosion that followed left no doubt at all that high-grade dynamite had been planted.

Reports sent to Militia Headquarters here yesterday showed that only the vigilance of the sentries had prevented an outrage which would have cost many lives. The report showed that on the night of the 13th the sentry at the Depot, while on his rounds, saw a stranger skulking near the hut where the men live.

FIRED AT ENEMY.

The sentry challenged him, and the man ran away. The sentry challenged twice again, pretty quickly, and then fired, unfortunately missing his man, who got away over the C.P.R. tracks. The sentry gave chase, but lost sight of the man in the dark.

A general alarm was sounded as soon as the sentry fired, and the guard turned out. A careful in-

Inspection was made, when some of the men discovered what they thought was a piece of rope near the soldiers' quarters. This was followed up, when it turned out to be a long fuse, connected with three sticks of dynamite, planted under the building, with detonating caps and everything ready to fire.

The dynamite was carefully removed, and put in a place of safety, while the guards were doubled for the rest of the night, but the dynamiters were evidently afraid to come back and make any further attempt.

A report on the occurrence was at once made to Lt.-Col. Schneider and forwarded to Headquarters for further action, when the search for the dynamiters was turned over to the Provincial police, who have been working on it since, so far without result.

It was stated that at the time the dynamite was found there were nearly fifty men in the soldiers' quarters, and that if it had been exploded most of them would certainly have been killed.

A military enquiry will be held as soon as sufficient evidence is secured to warrant going ahead, but the opinion of the officers in charge is that the attempt was certainly the work of some of the Germans or Austrians who have been working in the vicinity during the past few months.

Three Germans were yesterday afternoon brought in by the Provost Marshal's men from Coteau du Lac. It is not known whether they were connected with the dynamiting business or not, but they will be interned to prevent possibility of further trouble, and it is likely that the rest of the alien enemies in the district will be rounded up.