

TEACH THE GERMANS

IN FORT HENRY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Toronto Lutheran Minister Now Holds Divine Service—The Teuton Prisoners Learning to Skate.

Through the Militia Y.M.C.A. headquarters, a systematic effort is being made to teach the German prisoners-of-war in Fort Henry the English language, so that after the war they will be able to take their places as British subjects and be able to forget their defeated fatherland. A few days ago, through the Y.M.C.A. agency, a large number of English "First Readers" were received by Capt. P. G. C. Campbell, commandant. These will be a splendid help to the better educated of the Germans to teach their brothers the English language. The Militia Y.M.C.A. is also acting as the Canadian agents for the German-American club of New York city that periodically sends parcels of literature and other things to the prisoners.

Rev. Mr. Hoffman, a Lutheran preacher of Toronto, now conducts divine service at the fort every few weeks, taking the place of Rev. Mr. Rutzki, Ottawa whose permit is cancelled.

The Germans use their rink in the lower court all through the day and some of them are rapidly learning to skate. The rink was built through the kind permission of the commandant, and the prisoners appreciate the privilege extended to them. Few can skate but all are learning as rapidly as constant practice will allow them to.