

PRISONERS AT THE FORT

MAY BE REMOVED TO OTHER INTERNMENT CAMPS.

The Reasons for the Contemplated Removal Cannot be Made Public— For Welfare of the Prisoners.

There is a movement on foot to transfer all the German prisoners of war now at Fort Henry to other camps and close the local institution as a depot of internment operations. It is understood that the matter is now engaging the attention of headquarters because of the urgent need for action. The reasons given for the removal cannot be published, but are believed to be very important to the welfare of the prisoners themselves.

Some months ago the prisoners made a complaint through the American consul, as their representative, that the sanitary condition of the camp was not of the best. Unbiased opinion contradicted this story however, and after a new roof was put on the camp seemed to be equal to, if not better, than any other in Canada.

There can be no fault found with the sanitary conditions as they exist at present, but a more pressing reason for a change is the cause of the transfer being suggested.

There are now well over 300 prisoners of war at Fort Henry under Major H. E. Date, commandant. Some of the prisoners have been in the camp since the war broke out in 1914, having been caught while attempting to leave the country.

Owing to the fact that the fort is particularly well adapted to keeping desperate cases, several foreigners who attempted to escape from other camps are now on the hill. There have been some escapes from outside the walls, but these have been comparatively few. The cause of the proposed change is not through any inefficiency of those in charge at the fort.