

Britain's Prisoners May Be Placed in Western Canada

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Ottawa, Aug. 5.—One of the war duties which Canada probably will have to assume is that of taking care of Great Britain's prisoners of war. There will undoubtedly be thousands of these, and Great Britain is not anxious to keep them there, where food supplies will be more or less limited, and where the nearness to the continent would lead to numerous attempts to escape. At the time of the Boer war, prisoners were sent to Bermuda. In the present case, Canada could render valuable assistance by relieving Great Britain of the cost and

worry of looking after these prisoners. They will probably be sent to western Canada, where local militia forces can easily guard an encampment, and where there would be little use of them attempting to escape, since communication with Germany or Austria, even via United States, will be practically cut off until the termination of the war.

Moreover, it would not be a bad stroke of business for the government, since after the war a considerable number of these prisoners might become permanent immigrants to Canada and take up homesteads in the west.