

WEST TO GUARD ALL PRISONERS

Britain May Delegate Duty to Prairie Forces—Could Not Escape

OTTAWA—Canada probably will have to assume the duty 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 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, after the war, a considerable number of these prisoners might become permanent immigrants to Canada and take up homesteads in the west.