

# PRISONERS OF WAR MAY BE SENT HERE

Local Authorities Feel that the  
Wheat City is Ideal Place for  
Military Centre.

## MAY USE FAIR BUILDING.

According to information gleaned in civic and military circles today, it is quite probable that prisoners of war will be located in Brandon in the near future. Col. Steele has been in communication with the local authorities but for obvious reasons the arrangements are being kept secret so far as possible until something definite is arrived at. The winter and summer fair boards have both been approached, and at the summer fair board's annual meeting yesterday the use of the grounds and buildings was offered free provided that the government pay for the heating and lighting of the buildings and reserve the dates for next year's fair. The winter fair board has also made an offer, particulars of which are not disclosed. Mayor Hughes is in touch with Sir Jas. Aikins, Dominion member for Brandon, and a definite announcement may be made in a few days.

There are now approximately 70 prisoners of war in Winnipeg and this number will be greatly increased as the war proceeds. There is also talk of engaging 100 armed men to adequately take care of the aliens.

It is also understood that other cities in the west are making every effort to secure the location of these prisoners. It is felt by the authorities here that such location will recompense the city for some of the conditions which have arisen since the war began. "Of all the places in west," said Mayor Hughes today, "Brandon is in the best position to handle such a project, having as it has the grounds and buildings. Brandon could easily take care of 200 men and 600 horses in preparation for the front."