

PRISONER OF GERMANS

Rev. Father Larsimont, of Belgium, Will Describe His War Experiences To-morrow.

A young Belgian priest, not long ago a prisoner in the hands of the German soldiers, has arrived in Ottawa and will lecture at the Chateau Laurier tomorrow evening, under the patronage of Hon. Messrs. Coderre, Casgrain and Blondin, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Hon. Justice Brodeur. The meeting will be presided over by Senator Landry, Speaker of the Senate, and Mr. Goor, consul-general of Belgium.

Father Larsimont was vicar of the parish of Montigny-sur-Sambre, and was there on the night of August 23, when the German legions marched into the town. On account of his rank he was made a prisoner with other prominent citizens and was submitted to the worst treatment that can be dealt out to a man.

One of the most pitiful stories he tells, is that of the attempted escape of a Belgian non-combatant, who with a party of prisoners, of whom the lecturer was one, had been marched for an entire day by a company of German soldiers. Taking advantage of a halt at night, this prisoner made a break for liberty. He was a mere boy and his hands were tied behind his back. He had just started to run, when his guards shot him down. Hearing of this, the captain in command of the company went mad with rage, and he ordered his men: "Take those five others and shoot them," pointing to a group among the prisoners. And Father Larsimont heard soon after the rattle of the firing squad's shots.

"Still," Father Larsimont will say "Belgium does not regret that she has not permitted the Germans to march through the country."

The proceeds of tomorrow evening's lecture will be devoted to the relief of the Belgians of the Charleroi district. Tickets are on sale at C. W. Lindsay's, 189 Sparks street, and M. R. Lafontaine's, 118 Rideau street.