

GENERAL OTTER DOES NOT THINK ANY RAID LIKELY

Major-General Sir William Otter, C. B., Canadian registrar of aliens, passed through the city last night on his way to Victoria, where he conferred with Major Ridgway Wilson, registrar of aliens for this military district, and with Colonel A. T. Ogilvie, D. O. C. General Otter was expected to visit Nanaimo this evening and he may arrive in Vancouver tomorrow morning. He will inspect at the coal city the detention quarters where enemy aliens are now segregated.

General Otter will later visit Vernon. He said last night that there were about 2500 aliens now interned in Canada and that the military authorities had had but little trouble with them, they being generally well satisfied with the food and accommodation provided. General Otter's jurisdiction extends all over Canada and he has visited nearly all the camps. He last inspected the detention camp at Calgary.

In a discussion of the possibilities of a German raid, General Otter said, when interviewed that he did not anticipate any trouble. The experience of the United States in the Fenian raid had taught the United States the danger of breaking away from strict neutrality. General Otter termed the New Brunswick incident a spasmodic occurrence, something which might occur again at any time.

General Otter saw service in the Fenian raid, the Northwest Rebellion and the Boer war.

General Otter was invited to address the Canadian Club here, but wired Secretary Dunlop today, expressing his thanks for the invitation, but stating that he had to go east again as soon as possible and time would not permit of his making a stop-over here on his return trip.

Establish School Next Week.

Col. Belcher, whose arrival here to take command of the cavalry officers' school was yesterday reported, will establish his school at Hastings Park next week. Officers attached to the 11th C. M. R., Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick commanding, will attend this school. Sergt. J. H. H. Wright, like Col. Belcher, a South African war veteran, is accompanying the colonel.

Drafts of men are being sent daily to the mobilization camps at Queen's Park, New Westminster, where the 47th are mobilized under Lieut.-Col. Winsby, and at Hastings Park, for Col. Kirkpatrick's new cavalry battalion. It is expected that the active work of training recruits will be begun at both places early next week.

Mr. F. W. Peters, general superintendent of this division for the C. P. R., today announced the receipt of an official circular from the Montreal offices of the company, announcing the appointment of Mr. C. W. P. Ramsay, engineer of construction on eastern lines, to take command of the Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps, the corps organized by Vice-President Bury.

It was announced at brigade offices today that captains commanding companies in battalions for overseas service will hereafter be given the rank of major.