

GUSTO FOR GERMANS.

Montreal Daily Mail.

The Kingston Standard, which has been investigating the plot among German prisoners at Fort Henry, near there, makes some remarkable statements in that connection. The paper asserts that the foreigners plucked up heart when Parliament sat, and some of the newspapers began concurrently to attack the Government. It asserts:

"Significantly enough the cry of graft was one of the very first things the prisoners seized upon—not only seized upon but actually delighted in. Time and again they would read aloud, in the presence of their guards, and with great gusto and delight, the accounts of the alleged graft, while a little later on they began to make complaints of the quality of the food that was being given them, although that food was of the very best. Finally, several more bold than the others, coolly and deliberately told one of the officers that it was all a case of graft—that the reason their food was poor was because the Government was tainted with graft. To add to the seriousness of the matter several prisoners actually passed the remark that they were surprised that Canadian soldiers would enlist at all under a Government that was so dishonest and corrupt."

There was, of course, nothing wrong with the food. Out of the complaints arose a meeting and attempt at escape which jeopardized the lives of the guards, but was ineffectual. If the enemy in Canada extract so much comfort, inspiration and "will to escape" from the exaggerated reports being circulated, no doubt the Huns at the front and in Berlin would take heart as well.