

**WHAT IS CANADA GOING TO DO NOW WITH
PRISONERS IN INTERNMENT CAMPS?**

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ORGANIZED A BAND AT CAMP AT AMHERST, N. S.

Now that the war is over what is going to happen to German prisoners interned in Canada? is a question often heard these days. The answer is, of course, that the war is not over, will not be over until peace is declared, and that until that time the German prisoners in Canada must remain where they are. The terms of the armistice provided for the immediate return of all Allied prisoners in the Central Empires, but naturally enough, no provision was made for the return of German prisoners by the Allies. Hence a thousand or more Germans continue to be our hosts until such time as the work of the Peace Conference at Versailles is complete. As to what will happen to these prisoners then, must depend upon the terms of peace. The likelihood is that they will be afforded opportunity to return to her own country, under escort, as Canada is not particularly anxious to retain them here.

At Kingston and Amherst.

The two main German prison camps in Canada have been at Kingston and Amherst. During the past four years the Amherst Camp, which included the crew of the German

auxiliary cruiser, Kron Prinz William, has been seen by hundreds of thousands, as it was directly adjacent to the Intercolonial Railway. The prisoners in this camp were a particularly sturdy lot, huge chaps, and with the exception of one or two more adventurous spirits, showed little disposition to give trouble. The first year of the war one or two of them were said to have escaped (it was charged in the Senate that this was with the complicity of one of the officials) but more recently they have been a pretty submissive lot.

Treated Decently.

Their treatment at the hands of the authorities was in striking contrast to that meted out to unfortunate Canadians who fell into the hands of the Huns. Indeed it is reported that the Amherst prisoners organized a regular band, and that hundreds of citizens turned out regularly to attend their concerts, and that certain articles made by the prisoners were eagerly bought by citizens for souvenirs. The men were given lots of fresh air and exercise, and railway travellers frequently had occasion to watch them engage in regular English Association football within the rather spacious confines of their camp.

During the first year of the war, Germany, hoping to offset charges made against German prison camps by United States Ambassador Gerard, charged that German prisoners at Amherst were subjected to cruelties by Canadians. The Canadian Government promptly invited the United States Government to investigate the story, and the lie was officially and promptly nailed.