

UNFOUNDED STORY OF PRISONERS ILL-TREATED

BERLIN REPORT ON AMHERST INTERMENT CAMP IS FLATLY CONTRADICTED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Ottawa, Aug. 23.—It is officially stated here that the Berlin story of ill-treatment of Germans at Amherst interment camp is without the slightest foundation. There were 687 men interned there, most of them from German cruisers sunk early in the war. They were comfortably housed, fed with Canadian military rations, and given no work or duties. On the objection of some of the naval officers to being quartered with ordinary seamen, the former were removed to Halifax. "The basest of

fabrication," the reports of ill-treatment are characterized.

The despatch from Berlin referred to above read in part: "As the result of increasingly serious reports concerning the treatment of German civilian prisoners interned at Amherst, Nova Scotia, according to which men housed in an unventilated and insanitary factory building had been punished for attempted escape and less serious infractions of the rules by confinement in a brick oven, the German authorities are now contemplating retaliatory measures against Canadians, both soldiers and civilians, imprisoned here. Approximately seven hundred Germans are now interned at Amherst.

"The German officials believe that the conditions at Amherst are in sharp contrast with those under which Canadian civil and military prisoners live in Germany. United States Embassy investigators have pronounced camps where Canadians are imprisoned as good. An Associated Press correspondent recently visited Gottingen, where the greatest number of Canadian soldiers are confined, and found conditions apparently satisfactory."

PATRIOTIC EFFORT IN HALTON COUNTY

SERMONS ON SUNDAY, MEETINGS AND CANVASS FOR \$30,000 DURING WEEK.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Milton, Aug. 23.—Halton's patriotic week began yesterday. The object is to raise money, particularly for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, from which, however, Halton draws nothing, as this county has an independent patriotic fund managed by the County Council and disbursed on practically the same system as that of the national fund.

For the week's campaign there is a central committee, of which Duncan Campbell, Warden, is Chairman, and a local committee in each township and town, headed by the Reeve. Patriotic sermons were preached in all churches yesterday, and during the

week public meetings will be held in all the municipalities, addressed by speakers secured through the Speakers' Patriotic League of the University of Toronto.

That for Milton will be held in Victoria Park on Tuesday evening, and addressed by Hon. George P. Graham, M.P., and W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.P.P. There will be a personal canvass of all citizens for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, but if contributors prefer that their money shall go to any other patriotic purpose which they may name their wishes will be carried out. At least \$30,000 is expected to be raised in the county.

NO CANADIANS ON BOARD.

Cabled News Regarding Royal Edward Confirmed by War Office.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Ottawa, Aug. 23.—An official communication from the War Office received to-day by the Militia Department confirms the cabled news of a fortnight ago that no Canadians were on board the Royal Edward when she was sunk in the Aegean Sea by a German submarine.

MAJOR EVANS KILLED.

London, Aug. 23.—Major W. H. Evans, 110th Royal Scots, reported killed, was a Canadian, and came from Canada on the outbreak of the war.