

CABINET TAKES UP GERMAN COMPLAINT

Will Prove Story That Prisoners of War at Amherst Are Badly Treated Gross Fabrication.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—The cabinet council at a meeting to be held this afternoon will consider the story emanating from German sources that German prisoners interned at Amherst, N. S., have not been well treated. It is likely that steps will be taken to have a formal inspection of the camp made by an American consul.

It is confidently asserted that when such an inspection is made by a neutral official it will be found that the German prisoners at Amherst have been exceptionally well treated, both by the Canadian authorities and the residents of Amherst, who have taken a kindly interest in their welfare.

Gave Them Money.

The statement is made that the people of Amherst have even gone so far as to subscribe money for the purchase of musical instruments for some of the prisoners. With these they relieve to some extent the tedium of their enforced confinement.

Mr. Rhodes, member for Cumberland, N. S., and a resident of Amherst, who was in the capital recently, stated that the prisoners at Amherst are of a rather superior class and that they have been treated with kindness and consideration by the people of Amherst.

Order Already Given.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the German military authorities have issued an order that certain classes of British prisoners of war, especially Canadians, are henceforth to be treated with increased severity. The order is accompanied by an official statement alleging that a number of Germans interned at Amherst, N. S., are being kept in insanitary prisons, are badly fed, and maltreated. On this pretext Canadian prisoners in Germany are to be deprived of privileges ordinarily accorded prisoners of war, and will be placed on reduced rations.