

PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVED IN CITY THIS AFTERNOON

Meaning of the War is Brought
Nearer to the People of
Brandon.

NO DEMONSTRATION MADE.

**Men Quickly Taken from C.N.R.
Track on Victoria Avenue to
Winter Fair Arena.**

The war and its meaning was once more brought home forcibly to Brandon people today by the arrival of eighty prisoners of war from Winnipeg. Despite the fact that the military authorities had tried hard to keep the time of arrival a secret, there was a large crowd on hand at the C. N. R. track crossing Victoria avenue at 1:15 this afternoon, when a special train, made up of a baggage car and four passenger coaches, pulled in and about which the military aspect was plainly visible.

As the train drew to a stop the crowd waited eagerly to get a glimpse of the Germans and Austrians who have been gathered from all parts of the Canadian West and who will be safely taken care of while the war lasts. Major Ross and 76 men of the Fort Garry Horse were in charge of the train and they were met by Lt. Col. Clark and Lieut. Robinson, of the Army Service Corps. The soldiers, some with fixed bayonets and others with loaded rifles formed up and then singing came from within the train. Heads also peeked out of the windows and the prisoners appeared anything but weary or oppressed. As they marched four abreast to the winter fair arena, some of them smoked and several of the younger ones dressed respectably, waved their hands to a bunch of girls in the crowd. They were the ordinary German-looking individuals with the pointed head, and the men with Kaiser moustaches, but the majority were of the laboring type. One notability among them was F. G. Hoffman, who was arrested at The Pas on suspicion of spying in Canada for the German government and who, it is alleged, was found to have in his possession charts of the harbor of Quebec. Many of the others were men apprehended as they were leaving the country with the intention of joining the ranks of the Kaiser's army.

After the men had been safely placed in the arena their baggage and that of their guards was brought in on drays. This did not take very long and soon the prisoners were being assigned to their quarters within the arena.

An officer who came on the train stated that there was no trouble of any kind on the train and he did not expect any would arise here. The men of the Fort Garry Horse will remain here for some time, until further arrangements are made.