

WORK FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

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CONSUL ACTING, TOO.

There are now considerably more than a thousand German and Austrians under military guard at the various detention points in Canada. The number of prisoners of war is being added to daily. Their interests are being looked after by the United States Consul-General, J. G. Foster, who has been acting at Ottawa for the Governments of Germany and Austria since the outbreak of the war and the departure of the German and Austrian Consuls. The Canadian Government is co-operating with him in devising measures for the proper custody and care of the alien victims of the war in Canada.

The Federal Government is conferring with the various Provincial Governments in regard to public work which might be done by the German and Austrian prisoners. In Quebec a considerable area in the Abitibi region will be cleared and prepared for agricultural settlement. In Ontario it is probable several hundred men will be put at similar work in Northern Ontario. In the West some of the prisoners will be employed in building roads and clearing up Dominion parks. With few exceptions, none of the men now in detention is regarded as likely to require any special watching, or to cause trouble if they are let out on work of this kind, of course, under proper surveillance.