

PRISONERS HAVE TO EARN MAINTENANCE

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Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Premier Hearst, of Ontario, who was in Ottawa today attending an executive meeting of the Canadian Peace Centenary association, had a conference with Premier Borden in reference to the problem of the German and Austrian enemies now under custody or surveillance in Ontario, numbering upward of ~~one~~ thousand.

It is understood that arrangements will be made for putting these men at work, under proper guard, in northern Ontario, clearing lands and building roads. They will thus be made to earn their keep while the war lasts and will be performing useful and necessary development work for the province. There are at present about 600 Austrians and Germans in custody at Kingston, and for two months they have been a public charge, except for some minor work done on local works in connection with the military property there. Most of them will probably be sent to New Ontario in the near future.