

# PRISONERS OF WAR ARE WELL TREATED

## General Sir William Otter Talks of Internment Camps

### MEN CLEARING THE LAND

#### Get Good Food and Tobacco and Small Money Allow- ance Besides

General Sir William D. Otter visited the office of the Registrar of Alien Enemies to-day. To his charge are handed all alien enemies interned by the various Registrars under authority of the Minister of Justice.

Sir William told *The Daily News* that he had recently visited two camps on the Transcontinental line through Northern Ontario where interned Austrians are placed. There are a thousand in each camp. There are no Germans in these camps—all prisoners of war of that nationality are confined in fortresses.

#### Prisoners Well Treated.

The men seemed very contented, said Sir William. They were fed as well as our own soldiers and they got a little money, 25 cents a day for their work. They got good clothing according to the season, and tobacco. A few have tried to escape.

The Government was building houses for the men which it was anticipated they would occupy later. One hundred and fifty wives and children are now in the country living with their husbands.

#### Excellent Country.

The country was excellent. While it might not be as good as some parts of Western Ontario, it was heavily timbered with pulpwood, which could be stumped off with teams, and did not require the use of explosives. Pulpwood was bringing \$4 a cord at the railway to-day.

The Government was putting in experimental farms in the district. In fact the men were now working on clearing the land. There could be no doubt that this would have a marked effect on the settlement of the country.

#### Does Not Intern.

Sir William said that there was a general impression that he was at the head of the department which gave powers to Registrars of Alien Enemies. This was quite erroneous. Personally he had nothing to do with interning aliens. They were simply turned over to him as the military authority appointed for that purpose by the Registrars, who had made the aliens prisoners of war.