

CANADIAN OFFICIALS ARE MOST VIGILANT

Shipping Men Say They Have Arrested Many Germans and Austrians.

Southern, Aug. 5.—Members of the Finnish National Temperance Brotherhood association, who have returned from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., where they attended the annual convention, say that the Canadians are holding a large number of Germans and Austrians as prisoners of war. Most natives of either of these countries who enter Canada are arrested. Soldiers are in evidence about the streets and all strangers are closely scrutinized. The Germans and Austrians who were employed at the Algoma Steel works have been arrested and are among those detained. Some of the men taken from the steel plant have been employed there for from fifteen to twenty years, and they have families at the Soo.

Business in the Canadian Soo seems greatly affected by the war. A number of business houses have closed their doors, and there are more vacant business blocks than at any previous time in many years.

The Canadian regulations regarding visitors are strict, and before a convention of any kind can be held it is necessary to get permission from the officials. The Finnish National Temperance Brotherhood's plan to meet at the Soo was approved soon after the war broke out. At the same time the members of this organization were holding their session the Finnish Temperance Friends' association met in the American Soo. They were not permitted to meet in Canada, as the officers had neglected to procure a permit.

It is expected that all of the Finnish Temperance societies of the United States will consolidate under one head, as the conventions agreed on a tentative plan, which has been referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting, in June, 1916. The Finnish National Temperance Brotherhood's association is by far the largest organization of its kind among the Finnish people in this country. There are more than 115 subordinate lodges. The Finnish Temperance Friends' association has twelve subordinate lodges. There are also thirty-five independent Finnish lodges, all of which will be included in the consolidation.

The old officers of the Finnish association and two of the three members. The board is composed of the officers and three other members. The officers of the board of directors were re-elected. The officers are Esa Torkko of Soudan, Minn., president; Mike Skytta Ishpeming, vice-president; J. J. Beldo, Negaunee, treasurer; K. V. Maatylo, Ishpeming, secretary. Jacob P. Neimi of this city and John Palmgard of Ely, Minn., were re-elected directors and Henry Mollanen, of Hancock is the members of the board.