

# AUSTRIAN PRISONERS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

## SERIOUS TROUBLE DEVELOPING AT PETAWAWA.

There is trouble this week at Petawawa internment camp and serious disorder is feared before discipline is again restored. Up to the present time all has been peace and harmony between the prisoners and the guards, but some days ago about twenty-five prisoners were transferred there from Fort Henry and they seem to have succeeded in stirring up a spirit of revolt amongst those who previously had been on good behaviour.

The men have been working on the roads in the camp, extensive improvements being under way, but on Tuesday nearly all of them went on strike and refused to work. Again yesterday morning they declined to go out and the officials saw that some steps to enforce orders must be taken. Accordingly this morning the men were lined up in front of their bunk-houses and those who were satisfied to work were separated from the others. Then the knives and all other instruments were taken from the strikers and they have to-day been placed on a bread and water diet. How they will take to this is of course not known, but Col. de la Ronde, the camp commander, is determined to enforce discipline even if more drastic measures are necessary.

Trouble with the strikers is feared, but the military authorities may be trusted to cope with any situation which may arise, and the guards have orders to shoot the first man who attempts anything in the way of disorder. There are about 700 prisoners in the camp, and of these about 500 are on strike.