

## INTERNED ON STRIKE.

**They Will Not Work As They Don't  
Have To.**

Pembroke, Dec. 16.—There are very few, if any, Germans at Petawawa at present, nearly all the prisoners being Austrians. They are on "strike" just now, all but a few of them refusing to work. By a court decision handed out some months ago it was decided that prisoners of war could not legally be compelled to work. How the news reached the prisoners is not known, but certain it is that as soon as it did reach camp the prisoners at once "struck." The sum of twenty-five cents a day did not prove inducement enough to draw them out of their life of ease, and work at the camp, as far as the prisoners is concerned, is practically at a standstill. At present there are about six hundred prisoners at Petawara, with a guard of some one hundred and twenty-five soldiers. In addition to watching the prisoners, the troops do sentry duty over the grounds and buildings, where the ammunition tests are being made for the Russian Government.