

Welland Canal Guard To be Doubled

Major-General Hughes, Minister of Militia, on Saturday night held a conference with the staff of the Welland Canal and frontier forces, and yesterday (Sunday) made an inspection of the guards at Welland and Port Colborne.

As the result of this visit of General Hughes the sentries on the canal will be doubled. He had the officers of the headquarters staff and the 4th out at six o'clock yesterday morning in a heavy rain making the trip along the canal to Port Colborne. He saw the guards mounted and inspected the quarters. In the afternoon he held a consultation with the officers of the 2nd Dragoons at Hamilton. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the situation on the canal, but would not admit that the doubling of the guards was due to the stories in circulation that an invasion was being planned by the pro-German element in the United States. He said:—"We have no anticipation of any invasion; we have our agents at the important centres and keep in close touch with what is going on; our information is that no invasion is contemplated in any quarter."