

GERMAN RESERVISTS WOULD LEAVE CANADA

Said to be 5,000 Germans in This Country Who Would Fight

OTTAWA, Aug. 8.—There are said to be 5,000 German reservists at Montreal and a like number at Quebec, waiting for an opportunity to take passage to the Fatherland to fight against the French. They will not be allowed to go, and unless they disperse and give up their attempts to leave they will find themselves under arrest. The order received last night in accordance with instructions from the Imperial authorities to have all German reservists attempting to leave Canada arrested and sent to prison will be carried out to the letter and with all expedition. It is thought that the special precaution would only be necessary until such time as the supremacy of the sea had been decided.

After all hope of leaving has been abandoned these men will undoubtedly resign themselves quietly to their occupations as peaceable residents of the Dominion. Should there be any large number of arrests it is possible that concentration camps will be established at various points for the detention and accommodation of the prisoners. It is not considered safe that those inclined to be hostile should be allowed to disperse themselves to various points of the Dominion where they might stir up trouble among the foreign element.

No order for the arrest of Austrian immigrants and reservists has been made, but those will be carefully watched. Enrolling, it is stated, at the Department of Militia, is proceeding most satisfactory and thousands of names are being enrolled. It is expected that the period of receiving will be extended until about the middle of the week in order to give the outlying districts where intending soldiers may have to come some distance to the place of enlistment a chance for representation in the city districts where enthusiasm runs high the full quota will, it is expected, be enlisted by the end of the week.