

PRISONERS AT FORT

ARE ORGANIZED TO IMPROVE WEARY CONFINEMENT

They Have Sports and Marches — They Have Made a Flower and Vegetable Garden in the Centre Of the Court Yard.

Baron Polanz is one of the German prisoners confined at Fort Henry and he is doing a good work in organizing the prisoners so that the confinement will not bring on injurious effects. He is the moving spirit in the athletic work at the fort. A short time ago a march in "heavy marching order" was held in the court. Each man was dressed in his ordinary suit but carried thirty pounds of baggage including his blankets and four or five bricks on his back. There were twelve men at the beginning of the march and eight finished the 31 1-2 kilometres.

A gymnastic exhibition was given on Sunday last with the following results: Highest jump, 1 metre, 58 centimetres; furthest jump, 5 metres, 60 centimetres; hammer throwing (twenty-five pounds), 8 metres, 90 centimetres. There were also the usual stunts on the horizontal and parallel bars.

At the fort there is a singing society of forty voices and there is also an orchestra of fifteen pieces.

In the athletic work the men are divided into companies which compete against each other. In the singing society the musicians are chosen from all the prisoners.

To improve the long hours of confinement, a garden has been made in the centre of the court and anyone who has visited the fort will realize the strenuous time the prisoners had in finding enough earth for the purpose. In the garden are flowers and vegetables. There is also a stone grotto which is a decided addition to the appearance of the court-yard.

There are now 245 Germans, 35 Austrians and 1 Turk in Fort Henry. There are about 1,000 Germans, 4,000 Austrians and 130 Turks prisoners-of-war in Canada at the present time, the camps being at Nanaimo and Vernon, B.C., Brandon, Lethbridge, Amherst, Halifax, Hearst, Ont., Spirit Lake, Que., and Peta-wawa. There are about 1,000 Austrians at Spirit Lake, 600 at Peta-wawa and 800 at Hearst.