

ARRESTS AT HESPLER AND WINGHAM

The discovery of an incipient blaze near the elevator in the east block of the Government buildings at Ottawa since the Parliament Buildings were destroyed, and the destruction of a factory at the capital engaged in the turning out of war material will strengthen the suspicion that German agents are conducting an aggressive incendiary campaign in this country. The burning down of a munition factory at Hespeler has been followed by the arrest of an Austrian named Schmidt who is reported to have been engaged at war factories in Hamilton, Berlin, and Galt under different names. At Wingham a mysterious box of explosives arrived with a shipment from the west and a German bandmaster, 28 years old, who is said to have been in Belgium and Constantinople since the war broke out, has been placed in custody. The censor should forbid the publication of information about the size of war orders being handled by the various Provinces of Canada, let alone the quantity of war materials being turned out in various municipalities. A little consideration shows that such information gives valuable directions to enemy emissaries.

During the last few weeks the cables have carried many despatches suggesting that the allies are not inactive against Teuton factories. To-day's reports bring word that the important Skoda ordnance works in Austria have suffered from an explosion, three factories being destroyed with a hundred lives; and that an aerodrome near Berlin has been burned down.