

WILL TAKE PRISONERS FROM PETAWAWA CAMP

TO BE USED ENTIRELY FOR
TRAINING TROOPS.

The Observer learned this morning on very reliable authority that big changes are pending at Petawawa camp. It has been reported for some time past that the big camp is to be used this season as a training ground for overseas troops, and in order that it may be available for this purpose without too many changes being required it is understood the prisoners are shortly to be moved away, some of them to Kapuskasing, Que., about 140 miles east of Cochrane, and the remainder to Spirit Lake camp, which is located about 40 miles west of Cochrane—both camps being on the National Transcontinental Ry. This means that the guard, numbering over 100 men, will also be moved, and the officers transferred, but as yet they do not know what disposition will be made of them. Possibly some or all of them will go to the other camps, but this is not yet known. There are now seven or eight hundred prisoners at Petawawa.

Recent rumors and happenings indicate that the big camp will be a busy place this season. It is probably the finest military training ground in Canada and it has been a matter of considerable surprise that it has not been used in the past two years. Now, however, it is said that at least five infantry battalions and a number of artillery batteries will go there for training this summer, as well as other branches of the service, and it is quite possible that this may be the biggest camp on record, with the troops playing at war in a manner never before witnessed there.