

CANADIAN PRISONERS

WORK IN GERMANY FOR 25
CENTS A DAY.

**An American Investigation Found
There Had Been Personal Violence
In One Camp.**

London, May 1.—The American Ambassador's representative in a report on his visit to West Phalian prison camps, speaks of finding at Sterkrade two Canadians working in a large wood yard, where conditions were specially good. No complaint was received about the nature of the work, but it was said to be rather hard, the hours being from 6 to 5.30, and the wages from eighty pfennings to one mark (25 cents). The food is not reliable. The soup at midday is consumed, but otherwise reliance is placed on packages from home. The sleeping accommodation is a large attic, where the British have monopolized the places next to the windows, thus controlling the ventilation. There is no satisfactory place for exercise, though the grounds are extensive, but the prisoners are now taken for walks every Sunday in the woods, where they do not come in contact with the inhabitants.

At Osterfeld, among 466 prisoners, five Canadian lance-corporals were found whose names had been given to the authorities for release from work, which includes carpentering and labor in the electrical shop, there being a ten-hour day on five days and a six-hour day on Saturday. Some prisoners complained about being required to work on Saturday night, thus spoiling Sunday. The director promised that additional labor would be obtained to obviate this ground for complaint. There was rough behaviour towards and abuse of prisoners amounting in some cases to personal violence on the part of one civilian foreman. This was investigated on the spot, and found to be justified. The director took the man to task at once. A reprimand was also given to the sergeant in charge for not reporting the facts at once. There were no other special complaints, and this camp produced a favorable impression.