

The Passing of Fort Henry's Fine Internment Camp

Fort Henry is soon to lose its present population of 300 prisoners of war and close another chapter of its interesting history.

When the war began preparations were immediately made to intern all aliens who attempted to leave the country.

One of the first chosen. Fort Henry was one of the first camps to be selected. It was ideally suited for internment prisoners, being so placed that there was small possibility of their escaping.

Because of its lay-out Fort Henry was adapted for a prison camp. There is an upper court about as large as a city block.

In each room there are from fifteen to twenty men. The commandant had each room elect one man as its leader.

Keeping the Men Healthy. Their physical troubles were taken care of by doctors appointed by the Militia Department.

To keep the patients out of the hospital was a care placed upon the shoulders of Baron Polenz, one of the prisoners, who by virtue of his title was recognized as leader.

Among other things the prisoners have spent their time at wood-making. Almost any man can adapt himself to this interesting work if he has the time.

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During tools soon got the men interested. The idea caught on splendidly, and to-day every room at the fort is littered with wooden momentoes of the prisoners' internment.

Gardening and Reading. Another way of spending the long hours was by gardening. There are prisoners who would certainly now give interesting talks on intensive farming who before their internment were sailors or business men who never gave such work a thought.

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read. Newspapers were also sent and by this means the prisoners were kept in touch with the war events. In this connection it is interesting to report a conversation with a Whig representative, who in spite of official orders to the contrary, had an opportunity of making an inspection.

How the Band Got Drunk. In recalling the many ways in which the Germans passed the long hours of their two years and a half of enforced idleness the German band of the fort should not be forgotten.

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that included everything from a cello to a base drum. With his usual organizing talent, Baron Polenz was the man to take on his shoulders the work of bringing the band into being.

There are two names that seem to rhyme with German—one is "band" and the other is "beer." It was allowable to have a band, but naturally enough beer was not on the menu.

One day when the bandmen had been practically active during the forenoon and strikingly quiet during the afternoon one of the staff became curious and went to the room to investigate. He found them stretched out on the floor and most of them dead drunk.

the liquor, such a thing was almost unbelievable. The thought that the guards, who had always proved so loyal even in the face of many temptations, at last falling from grace, was the only solution of the moment.

Taking what is called a "Dixie" or military kettle and using part of their band instruments, the bandmen in their spare time had made an almost perfect "still." In this "still" there were placed properly prepared apples, raisins and potatoes, and after distillation a wine was produced that had the desired effect.

The fact that these men had personal means and if they wanted luxuries they should have the liberty of buying them was solved in quite a satisfactory way. Every man has a bank account with the Government.

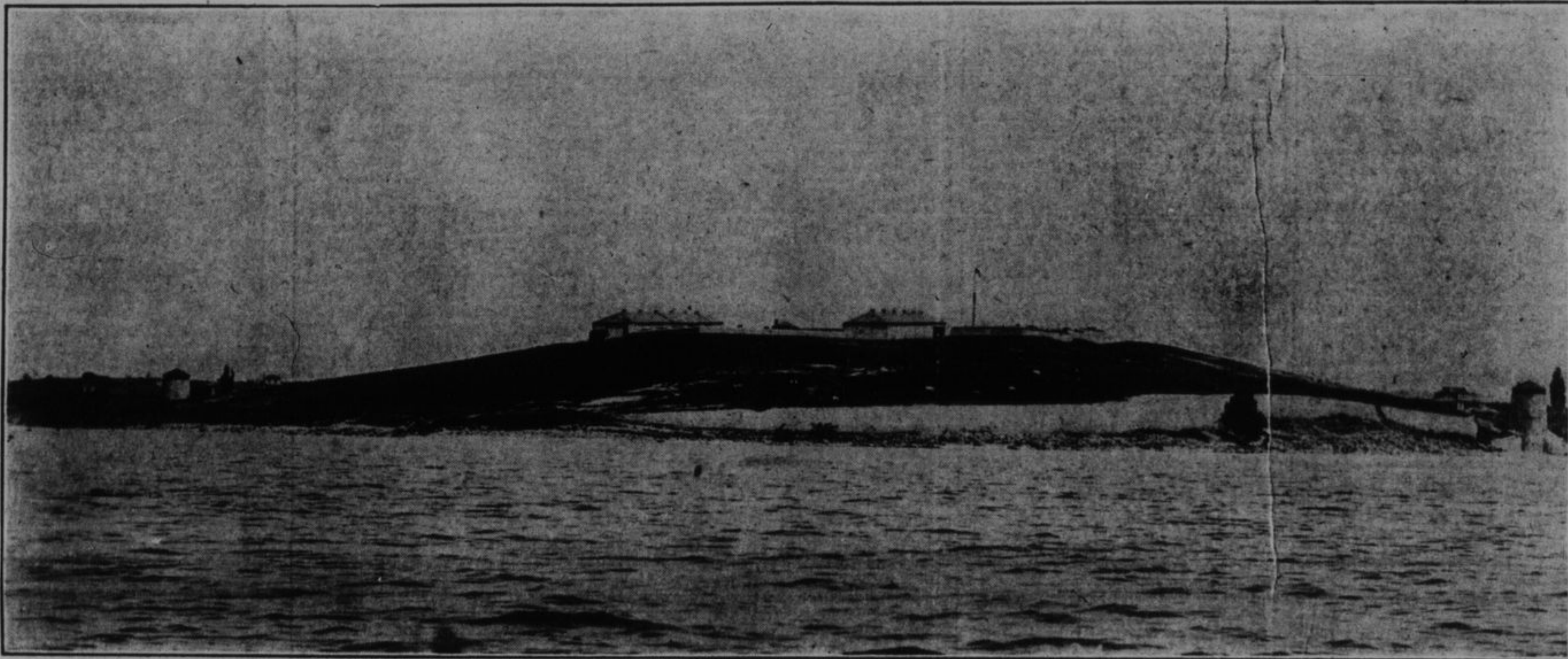
that the men were playing poker with the cheques.

The Commandant. Fort Henry was one of the first war institutions to open in the city. It came even before the 21st Battalion was authorized in November of 1914.

Col. Fee took the command of the 199th Battalion and was succeeded at the fort by Lieut.-Col. P. G. C. Campbell, who in turn relinquished the position on taking over the command of the 253rd Queen's University Highlanders.

Before closing this article there should be some reference made to United States Consul F. S. Johnson, who acted for Germany and worked in the prisoners' interests. All packages and mail to the prisoners was opened, examined and acknowledged by him.

The removal of the prisoners from the fort will cause many great changes. The greatest of these is that the 14th Regiment Guard will be almost completely disbanded.



THE FORT HENRY GERMAN INTERNMENT CAMP WILL SOON BE CLOSED.

Ottawa Glimpses

BY H. F. GADSBY

Ottawa, March 7.—People round here keep asking what the Borden Government is doing with the War Measures Act to curb the high cost of living.

With prices soaring as they are in Canada most governments would be thinking of regulating exports with a view to enabling the people who live in this country to get their fair share of the products of the soil at reasonable rates.

In other words, the whole transportation equipment of this country is, by grace of the Borden Government, at the disposal of the food barons who can use it or not in such a way as to throw the whole economic scheme out of gear.

But that will not be while the Borden Government is in office. Its apparent object is to hand all the money in the country over to its friends the food pirates.

eat. The food pirate reminds one of that grim old song about the undertaker: "I'll nail you at the last."

The Borden Government is not in a position to deal with the high cost of living in a thorough root and branch way. There are two reasons for this.

The Borden Government has been at pains to avoid any run-in with the cost of living that would prejudice its friends. Its idea is to go through the motions but not to do anything that will hurt.

In spite of this some of the commissions have simply had to report. They couldn't hold it any longer. They didn't want to expire as it were by effluxion of time.

ported and the Government did nothing about it. These were the more active commissions. The other commissions did nothing at all and consequently made no report.

A number of these high-cost-of-living commissions harbored a joker in the shape of the Cold Storage King of Canada who was planted in their midst so he could see what was coming and head it off.

To all these commissions another has been added lately which is to go at the high cost of living from the scientific end. A distinguished scientist has been appointed at a distinguished salary to begin a research right away.

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origin in the bright mind of R. B. Bennett, M.P., or some other large sequester of prairie lands who would be glad to sell to the Government at a good swinging price.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured. With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy.

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then translate them. A variation of the routine is to have different children tick out the dots and dashes as words are pronounced by the teacher.

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