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The Passing of Fort Henry's Fine Internment Camp

ent population of 300 prisoners of in the same quarters. war and close another chapter of its interesting history. This old fort was built to protect Kingston from care of by doctors appointed by the They have made picture frames, representative, who in spite of offi- ing. He selected the best players for was the only solution of the moment. war institutions to open in the city. Fenian invasion, and within its walls | Militia Department. The authorities | maps, designs of the German crest, cial orders to the contrary, had an each instrument, had them given mu- That was not correct, however. in 1838 Von Shultz, an enemy of Canada, was hanged. It has been constructed. In serious cases the the home of between 300 and 400 patients have been brought to the foreigners who were in Canada when

Canada's mercantile life. country. There were a few who go out with the assistance of friends and traitors, but hundreds were every day. This has proved to caught at the border and placed in safe keeping. Montreal was particularly prominent, because of its cosmopolitan population, and in that city alone there were enough men arrested to form a camp, and Kapusasing, away up in the wild north himself to this interesting work if away the hours. The German Amthe National Transcontinental rail- of the commandants conceived the pose alone. They purchased books in fort. up there and clearing of the forest a room as a carpenter shop, and se- fort, where they were read and re- mitted to send musical instruments dead drunk. In spite of the smell of short time ago when it was found sity Highlanders. The present and was started.

One of the First Chosen.

Fort Henry was one of the first camps to be selected. It was ideally suited for interning prisoners, being so placed that there was small possibility of their escaping. In the west, the camp at Lethbridge has been rausing a great deal of trouble by the foreigners diggings tunnels through the soft clay, and some of these attempts were successful. At the local camp there was no such prospect. The ground is of shelly limestone, and while efforts have been made, they have not been rewarded by success.

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. This is surrounded by a series of low buildings. and in these buildings the guard has been quartered and the commandant and his staff have their offices. This court has a commanding view of the country, and trouble in daylight could be thus avoided. The inland end of the fort is some twenty feet below the level of the upper court. It is also surrounded by rooms built into the walls, and these rooms were

used for the prisoners. In each room there are from fifteen to twenty men. The commandant had each room elect one man as its leader. He is the one responsible for the good behavior, and all complaints must be made to the proper authorities through him. The men ate and slept in these rooms and liv-

Keeping the Men Healthy. geant in charge a small hospital was

them are men who were leaders in! To keep the patients out of the hospital was a care placed upon the shoulders of Baron Polenz, one of When the war began preparations the prisoners, who by virtue of his were immediately made to intern all title was recognized as leader. He aliens who attempted to leave the organized physical training classes, and to prevent laziness he had every percentage of hospital cases that

> Among other things the prisoners have spent their time at wood-making. Almost any man can adapt of ways in which the men whiled German tands playing on the street

Gardening and Reading.

farming who before their internment! never gave such work a thought. The 'said.' ground upon which the fort is built is nearer to being solid rock than tillable soil. Nevertheless the prisoners had a garden that probably is not equalled in the district. Under the shadow of a high wall, on which constantly paced a sentry, the men built a garden that contained flowers and vegetables of all kinds, and every room was supplied with its product.

Reading also came high in the list

Fort Henry is soon to lose its pres-, ed their lives for the past three years | curing tools soon got the men in- read. Newspapers were also sent and that included everything from a the liquor, such a thing was almost, that the men were playing poker terested. The idea caught on splen- by this means the prisoners were | cello to a base drum. With his usual unbelievable. The thought that the with the cheques. didly, and to-day every room at the kept in touch with the war events, organizing talent, Baron Polenz was guards, who had always proved so fort is littered with wooden momen- In this connection it is interesting to the man to take on his shoulders the loyal even in the face of many temp-Their physical troubles were taken toes of the prisoners' interment. report a conversation with a Whig work of bringing the band into be- tations, at last falling from grace, selected three rooms, and with a ser- and even furniture elaborately carved. opportunity of making an inspection, tual instruction, and then selecting a The reporter in conversation with one bandmaster was able to see as a re- military kettle and using part of their | 1914. H. J. Dawson, then a profesof the German officers asked for an sult of his efforts a very fine musi- band instruments, the bandsmen in Another way of spending the long opinion on the war. The reply was cal aggregation that was capable of their spare time had made an almost and a major in the 14th Regiment, city hospitals, but for minor troubles hours was by gardening. There are characteristic of the speaker, who playing anything from grand opera perfect "still." In this "still." In this "still." In this "still." the cure process was within the prisoners who would certainly now said: "The British Government has to rag-time. the great war started between Great walls. The small hospital is a model give interesting talks on intensive all your papers and all the United States papers well, nearly all gor in itself, and the Whig is the first to tillation a wine was produced that though needless to say he was very were sailors or business men who ralled into saying what they want put the story into print.

How the Band Got Drunk.

men and supplies were taken away employed with this work: He opened were sent, after an inspection, to the the German-American Club was per- ed out on the floor and most of them tem had to be slightly changed a mand of the 253rd Queen's Univer-

and the other is "beer." It was al- Campbell. In recalling the many ways in lowable to have a band, but naturally which the Germans passed the long enough beer was not on the menu. of the fort should not be forgotten. this account, and it was their inven-

corners. The only German band that been practically active during the money it went in the same place. Col. Fee took the command of the he has the time. With nothing to do erican Club of New York City collect has played in this district since war forenoon and strikingly quiet during Each prisoner had cheques on this 199th Battalion and was succeeded away from every habitation, or even and a lot of time on their hands one ed thousands of dollars for this purcame curious and went to the room to | tobacco, soft drinks, etc., taking | Campbell, who in turn relinquished way, sprang into being. Officers, idea of keeping the prisoners' minds every known language, and these cheques in exchange. This sys- the position on taking over the com-

were placed properly prepared apples. The "finale" of this band is a story raisins and potatoes, and after dis-There are two names that seem to atus was seized and is now in the rhyme with German-one is "band" possession of Lieut.-Col. P. G. C.

One day when the bandsmen had to his credit. If friends sent him the conduct of the men in that room.

The Commandant,

Fort Henry was one of the first It came even before the 21st Battal-Taking what is called a "Dixie" or | ion was authorized in November of sor of the Royal Military College, shoulders fell the work of organization, and he made a success of it, alhad the desired effect. The appar- unpopular among his guests through his strict ideas on liberties. When the 59th Overseas Battalion was authorized he was given the rank of lieutenant-colonel and the command.

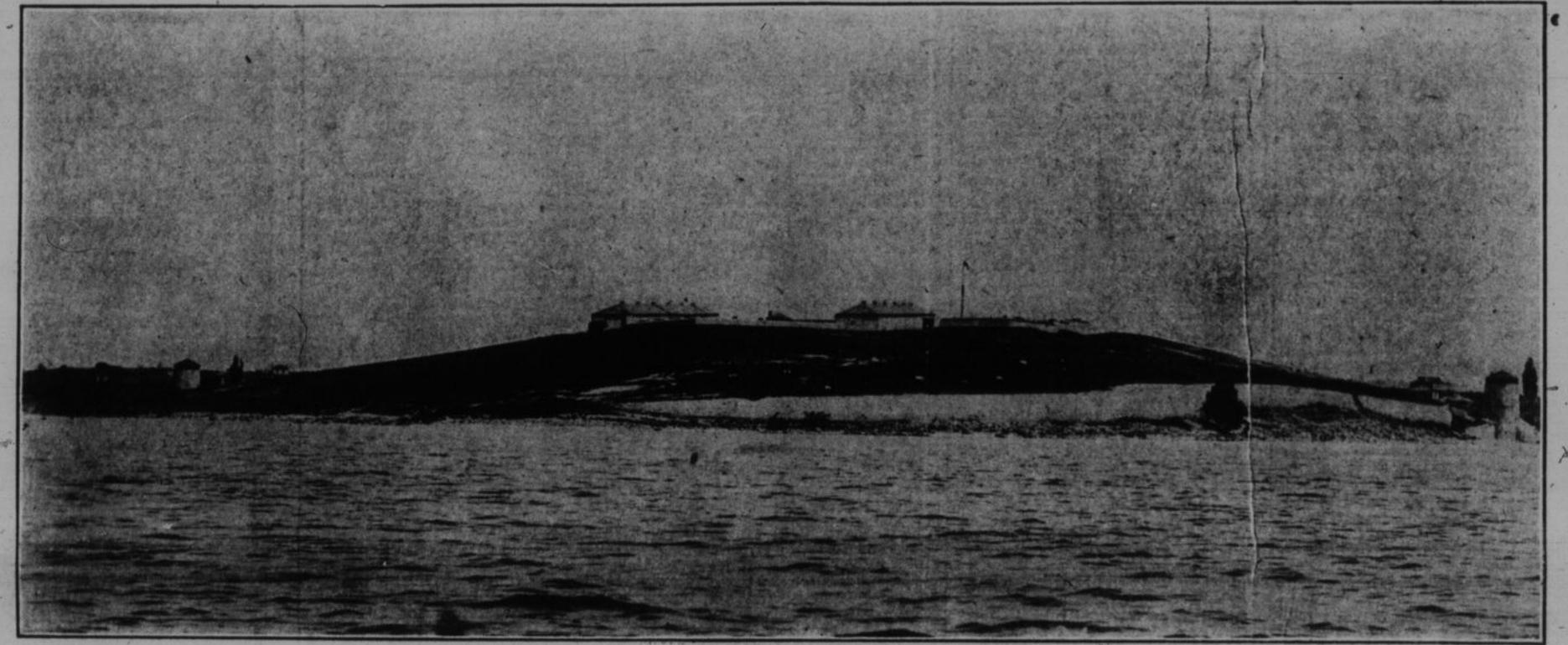
The fact that these men had per- The position as commandant was sonal means and if they wanted lux- then taken by Lieut.-Col. J. J. H. Fee hours of their two years and a half The prisoners, however, were not to uries they should have the liberty of a Lindsay man, who was a personal of enforced idieness the German band be deprived of their luxury even on buying them was solved in quite a friend of the ex-Minister of Militia. satisfactory way. Every man has a Col. Fee was very satisfactory as The Germans are naturally musical, tive genius that brought them at least bank account with the Government. commandant and inaugurated the and long before the war-though not one drink during their residence at | When work was being done outside | system now in use of having one man . of the walls the pay for it was placed in each room made responsible for

last commandant is Lieut.-Col. H. E. Date who has been engaged in such work since the war began, baving been commandant at Spirit Lake, Kapuskasing, Lethbridge and other

Before closing this article there should be some reference made to United States Consul F. S. S. Johnson, who acted for Germany and worked in the prisoners interests. Ail packages and mail to the prisoners was opened, examined and acknowledged by him. This work alone took up a great part of his time, Nevertheless he also handled all matters that they wished him to. take up with the Government, Periodical inspections had to be made when the prisoners would line up. before him and state their cases. These caused an immense amount of detail work but with characteristic thoroughness Mr. Johnson continued it to the best of his ability.

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 Kingston regiment has been one of the greatest recruiting agencies for overseas units here. Men have been taken out of civilian life and trained in the guard and then by request allowed to transfer to an oversea unit. In this way the guard has been valuable beside doing its constant work of keeping watch over

the alien enemies in their prison



THE FORT HENRY GERMAN INTERNMENT CAMP WILL SOON BE CLOSED.

Ottawa Glimpses

Ottawa, March 7 .- People round eat. The food pirate reminds one here keep asking what the Borden of that grim old song about the un Government is doing with the War dertaker, "I'll nail you at the last." Measures Act to curb the high cost of living. Under the War Measures a position to deal with the high cost Act, passed unanimously by both of living in a thorough root and Houses of Parliament, the Govern- branch way. There are two reasons the laws, customs, precedents and Government is itself responsible for business arrangements of Canada if the high cost of living through its the emergency arises. So far as peo- fiscal policy. The other is that it - ple can see that's about where it was put where it is by a combination do what it likes, but it doesn't like financiers who still have it under

Canada most governments would be tigate the high cost of living. Its thinking of regulating exports with masters won't let it. If it regulated a view to enabling the people who prices it would be regulating its own - live in this country to get their fair friends, . If it regulated exports it share of the products of the soil at | would be putting a crimp in some of reasonable rates. But far from reg- its chief benefactors' profits. ulating exports the Borden Government looks on while its particular at pains to avoid any run-in with the pets, the cold storage barons, bring cost of living that would prejudice on a coal famine by using cars, that its friends. Its idea is to go through might be employed carrying coal as the motions but not to do anything warehouses for their food products that will hurt. With this object in until they can find ships to carry the view there have been some half dozen stuff across the ocean.

portation equipment of this country angles. They are encouraged by the is, by grace of the Borden Govern- Borden Government to take a good ment, at the disposal of the food long look and not to be in a hurry to barons who can use it or not in such make up their minds. The longer a way as to throw the whole econom- they can postpone their conclusions ic scheme out of gear. It is surely the wiser they will be-for the Borbad enough that they should use den Government. In the last two their own warehouses to manipulate years and a half it must have cost prices, but when they proceed to the Borden Government at least a commandeer freight cars to make it quarter of a million dollars to pay worse, it looks as if the War Meas- economic commissions of one kind furniture becomes too dear to act as

den Government is in office. Its ap- next general election is over. parent object is to hand all the In spite of this some of the commoney in the country over to its missions have simply had to report. friends the food pirates. The mun- They couldn't hold it any longer. tion workers may get high wages, They didn't want to expire as it were but what's the use when they have by effluxion of time. Most of them

ment can do anything it wishes with for this. One is that the forden ends. The Government has power to of greedy fore-stallers and nervous complete control. The Borden Gov-With prices soaring as they are in ernment daren't do anything to mi-

The Borden Government has been Royal Commissions looking at the In other words, the whole trans- cost of living from as many different ures Act ought to take a hand in. | and another to string out the debate But that will not be while the Bor- on the righ cost of living until the

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den Government even better. in the shape of the Cold Storage King No lonesome, prairie farm for him of Canada who was planted in their ing and head it off. This is how earnest the Borden Government was about the high cost of living.

be expected to come first. scientist has been appointed at a dislob. He need not report for a long time yet. He has asked a thousand other scientists to help him at nothing a week but glory galore and almost anything is sure to come of it except an immediate report. This is a great concentrated effort on the part of science not only to help the Borden Government out of a hole. but, eventually, as we take it, to Feed the Poor Without Giving Them

Anything to Eat. This scientific inquest will, of course, go at it both ways. It will not only point out all our natural and unnatural resources, but it will no doubt suggest substitutes for staple articles of diet which, under the Borden Government, have become too expensive for the masses. These substitutes, one may hope, will be somewhat more palatable than, say, sinking one's teeth in the furniture to satisfy a hearty appetite. As a matter of fact even biting the furniture costs too much because, under a forty-five per cent. tariff. a food substitute

Hay as a substitute for bacon and eggs is out of the question, because the army uses all the extra hay. Bran is cheap yet, and raw bran taken with hot water is said to be good for the digestion, owing to its capillary action. But the moment Premier Borden's food barons get the idea that bran is in popular demand it will shoot up in price, as rice has done already, somebody having mentioned rice in their hearing as a substitute for potatoes. And so it goes. Nothing the public flees to as a refuge from the high cost of living but the food barons get there first and make it more precious than rubies. The War Measures Act is about as useful to stop these greedy fellows as if it didn't exist at all.

The Borden Government has it in its mind that the vacant land problem is going to solve the food problem-bring the untilled soil and the returned soldiers together and the thing's done. This scheme had its

ported and the Government did noth- origin in the bright mind of R. B. where he can toilsomely grow wheat then translate them. A variation of ing about it. These were the more Bennett, M.P., or some other large which the Borden Government will the routine is to have different childactive commissions. The other com- sequestrator of prairie lands, who not let him sell where he pleases. | ren tick out the dots and dashes as | Quebec Farmers Were Fined \$2 In missions did nothing at all and con- would be glad to sell to the Governsequently made no report, which ment at a good swingling price the course, on the whole, suited the Bor- broad, idle acres which produce nothing now but taxes. The only A number of these high-cost-of- drawback to this scheme is that the Popular Mechanics living commissions harbored a joker returned soldier prefers the city,

Catarrh Cannot be Cured make play of work is the endeavor of With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they almost all really successful tutors of Sask.. writes: "I have used Baby's instead of 90 pounds. The case was Amen Local APPLICATIONS, as they annot reach the seat of the disease. little tots. A teacher in one of the Own Tablets for the past ten years laid before Chief Hunt with the replaced the Chief Operator at all the fluenced by constitutional conditions. strategic spots where the news might and in order to cure it you must take a way of making her pupils look anstrategic spots where the news might and in order to cure it you must take a way of making her pupils look anlittle ones that I always keep a box raigned before Magistrate Grierson.

To all these commissions another through the blood on the mucous sur To all these commissions another through the blood on the mucous sur-has been added lately which is to go the system. Hall's Catarrh a most novel one and has proved so keep the Tablets on hand. Once a in Quebec. They were fined \$2 each Core was prescribed by one of the bes. effective that i has been adopted by mother has used them for her little and costs and warned that the next at the high cost of living from the physicians in this country for years. It other instructors in the elementary ones she would use nothing else, offence would prove much more tinguished salary to begin a research bination of the ingredients in Hall's right away. Evidently he has a life Catarrh Cure is what produces such

-H. F. GADSBY.

Spelling Lessons Pleasant Pastime.

child learns more quickly through the medium of play than through dull hours of tedious instruction. To public schools at Columbus, O., found and have found them so good for my sult that the three farmers were arinternal remedy. Hall's Catarrh xiously forward for the daily spell- in the house." Mrs. Stilwell is one They pleaded guilty but claimed that ing lesson. Her plan of teaching is of thousands of mothers who always | 80 pounds was the standard weight

words are pronounced by the teach-

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BAGS UNDER WEIGHT.

Amprior Court

Arnprior, March 6 .- Three farmers, bailing from the Quebec side, anxious to dispote of their potatoes at a good price came to town on Wednesday and were successful in Used Ten Years selling at the price of \$2.75 a bag. One purchaser suspected light weight and on investigation he found that Mrs. C. E. Stilwell, Winthrope, he was paying \$2.75 for 80 pounds

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