

REGISTRATION.

Mayor Baxter's proclamation to all Germans and Austrians remaining in Vancouver is a wise move. They must immediately register themselves and will be to all intents and purposes on parole. In the first place the city authorities will know exactly how many Germans and Austrians there are in the city. In the second it will know where they are. They may be most peaceably disposed but it is only natural that they will not be well disposed towards their fellow citizens. The Germans have undoubtedly been in close touch with their consul in Seattle and while the information they have been giving may not be of much value it must be remembered they are firmly convinced of their invincibility. They believe that in due course their country will dominate Canada. They stay here and have all the privileges of the ordinary citizen but they do not all recognize that such privileges entail obligations which honor alone should prompt them to observe.

It is almost certain that such registration if extended to all newcomers would be of great benefit to the city and would mean the proper regulation of much that needs above all things such regulation. Those of our citizens who come from Germany know well that no stranger can enter a city, or even village, in that country without the police knowing his business. Every change of address is duly notified, and if the stranger only occupies a room for a day the landlord gives notice to the police. While no doubt there are many objections to such methods they have their value especially to the man seeking work. He is directed to the right place without delay, or employed at useful work until there is place for him in his own line.