

ALIENS MAY NOT HAVE FIREARMS

**Delivery to Police Must Be Made
Before September 23, Under
a Heavy Penalty.**

Ottawa, Sept. 6.—An order-in-council has been passed under the provisions of the War Measures act passed at the recent session of parliament relating to the prevention of the use of firearms, dynamite, gunpowder or other dangerous explosives by foreigners in Canada. The order declares that it will be the duty of all alien enemies having in their possession firearms, ammunition, dynamite, gunpowder, etc., to deliver the same to a justice of the peace or to an officer or constable of the R.N.W.M.P., within ten days after Sept. 3.

The justice of peace or constable receiving firearms, ammunition, etc., shall give a receipt for the same and shall report the fact to the chief commissioner of the Dominion police or to the commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police under whose direction the property shall be retained or otherwise disposed of.

Searches Allowed.

It is further provided that if any alien enemy is reasonably suspected of having firearms, ammunition, etc., in his possession he and his premises may be searched by any police officer or constable without warrant, and the property seized. If such seizure takes place after the elapse of ten days the property seized may be forfeited to the crown and the owners be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$500 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months. It shall be an offence for any person to give, sell, or hire firearms, etc., to an alien. Any person guilty of such action shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Prosecutions may be proceeded with by way of summary conviction under the provisions of the criminal code. The onus of establishing whether or not a person proceeded against is an alien enemy shall lie upon the accused.