

# THE FUTURE STATUS OF AUSTRIANS HERE

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## Thousands of Alien Enemies Stranded at Montreal Near Starvation

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### OTTAWA STUDIES PROBLEM

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## Every Canadian City Has More of These People Than it Desires

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**From a Staff Correspondent.**

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—The Minister of Justice and a committee of the Cabinet have under very serious consideration the policy to be adopted in regard to the thousands of Austrians and Germans in various parts of the country who are prevented from returning to their own countries, but are unable to obtain work and are without means of support.

Col. Sherwood, head of the Dominion Police, has reported on the situation, and the committee was in session to-day discussing what steps should be taken.

While Montreal has the largest number of these Austrians and Germans, that is only because many stopped there in attempting to leave the country.

The situation is the same in all the large centres from Montreal to Vancouver. Some of the men who would like to go home want to re-join their families, but, of course, if they got home they would be forced to join the armies against the Allies.

The great majority of the men are believed to be orderly, but they must be fed, and there is probably a small minority who might cause trouble if not prevented from doing so. The need, therefore, seems to be some means of providing for the sustenance of the whole number and also such surveillance as may be necessary. An early announcement of the Government's action is expected.