

# ALL ALIEN ENEMIES MUST BE REGISTERED

## Order-in-Council Provides For Looking After Germans and Austrians in Canada.

The government has taken definite steps to deal with the problem which has confronted it of dealing with the thousands of Germans and Austrians in different localities of Canada and who, it has been feared, might become a danger to the community.

An order-in-council was passed yesterday having for its object to ensure an effective control and supervision over these aliens of enemy nationality. In enacting it the government quite realizes that there is a very large proportion of these residents who are perfectly peaceable citizens, and in no sense a source of danger to the country.

It was also realized by the government, however, that it was necessary to distinguish between those of peaceable intentions and those who may be animated by hostile intentions, or who may be a source of danger within the country or by reason of their seeking to leave the country with the view of joining the forces of enemies of the allied nations.

### Registration Offices.

To attain these ends the government has enacted that in different places where persons of alien enemy nationality may be found in considerable groups, regular offices shall be established and registrars appointed.

All persons of enemy nationality will be required to report themselves within one month after the proclamation regarding the opening of this office is published, and the registrar is empowered to examine them upon all matters bearing upon their nationality, their disposition and intentions, and their ability to provide for their own maintenance.

In cases where the registrar feels satisfied that the person examined may be allowed to leave the country without danger of his aiding the enemy either by active service or otherwise, such person may be permitted to leave the country.

As to those persons to whom the registrar does not feel justified in issuing a permit, they may be allowed to remain at liberty subject to the obligation of regularly reporting, whenever that appears a safe and proper course and where they are in a position to maintain themselves.

### Prisoners of War.

With regard to those to whom the registrar does not feel it would be proper to issue such a permit, in the interest of the public safety, they are to be interned as prisoners of war and treated as such in accordance with the general rules of the Hague convention.

While kept under guard these prisoners of war are not to be imprisoned in any penal institution and provision will be made for their maintenance. Those who have wives and children dependent upon them will be allowed to have their families with them and these will be provided for in the same manner.

Being prisoners of war these persons will be in the custody of the militia authorities.

### Naturalization.

When persons of alien enemy nationality desire to be naturalized they must in addition to complying with the usual conditions, produce a certificate from the registrar showing that their applications are approved. This will facilitate dealing with those with regard to whom there may be reason to fear that they may prove a source of danger.