

# NO ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERNED ALIENS

Only Fifteen Hundred of Them  
Provided for up to  
To-day

MORE WHEN MORE ROOM

British Columbia Courts Give  
Right of Trial to  
Austrians

From a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Only 1,500 Germans and Austrians have been interned to date in the various registration centres, but there will be many times this number in a short time. Montreal alone will furnish probably more than 1,500, although only about 250 have been interned there so far. This is for want of accommodation. Last reports showed 500 at Kingston, 113 at Toronto, 75 at Brandon, 119 at Victoria and 144 at Halifax.

Two hundred more will go from Montreal to Petewawa this week and a detachment will also be sent up to the site of the proposed experimental farm on the N. T. R. in Quebec Province.

## Alien Enemy and the Courts.

The Labor Department has received the judgment of Mr. Justice Macdonald, of British Columbia, who decided that an Austrian laborer named Topay had the right to claim damages from the Crow's Nest Coal Co. for injuries received at Michel, said to have been due to negligence on the part of the company. The judgment reads in part as follows:

"Generally speaking an alien enemy cannot resort to our courts for protection. It was thought advisable since the commencement of the war to provide an order in council as to the rights and liabilities of Germans and Austrians. It provides that all persons in Canada of German or Hungarian nationality shall so long as they quietly pursue ordinary occupations, be allowed to enjoy the protection of the law and be accorded the respect and consideration due to peaceful and law-abiding citizens."

## Where to Draw the Line.

The defendant company argued that the protection of the law in this case should be restricted. The Judge said there was a difficulty in drawing the line. An alien enemy would be protected against assault or robbery, then why not have redress from an injury through negligence of an employer. Protection of the law should not have a restricted meaning, he said.

The judgment will probably be appealed.