

Twin City Aliens, 1,400 Strong, a Worry

General Otter Goes to Fort William to Help Relieve Pressure

From a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—General Sir William Otter has gone to Fort William to arrange about the internment of the Austrians and Germans there and at Port Arthur, and also to see what can be done in the way of providing employment. The situation is rather serious in the twin cities as there are about 1,400 men registered, most of whom will have to be interned. At present the Government is helping a large number of them and their families in their homes. A great many are railway laborers who have come in from the C.N.R. and other camps that have finished their work or shut down.

It has been suggested by the municipal authorities that the interned aliens should be employed on road work, but the Government does not want to have them compete with ordinary Canadian labor. They can be brought east to the Experimental Farm site at Kapuskasing, west of Cochrane, or sent west to some employment camp that will be established. The latter plan is more likely to be adopted.

General Otter will return to Ottawa and later will go through to the coast.