

Empowered to Bar Only Alien Enemies

Board of Control Hears Report Regarding B. I. A. Ap- plication

The British Imperial Association asked the Board of Control to require contractors to employ 60 per cent. British-born workmen on all city work. The Board asked Commissioner Harris and City Solicitor Johnston for a report. The joint report states that: "The city can only legally require a contractor to refrain from employing alien enemies upon city contracts. This is in strict accordance with the proclamation of the Dominion Government of last August. To discriminate against any other class of citizens would, we think, be illegal. As to the question of policy we think this must follow strictly the legal powers in the matter. It is always unsafe to adopt a policy that is not in accordance with legal rights."

The Board accepted the report.