

Aliens Poured In.

Scores of alien enemies, chiefly Bulgars and Austrians, many of whom knew nothing of the events of the past sixteen months other than the fact that their countries were at war, were brought by more intelligent fellow-countrymen to Toronto just before Christmas for registration. They poured into the city from the northern parts of British Columbia, Quebec, and the more settled portions of Northern Ontario to spend Christmas with fellow-countrymen.

Unable to read or speak English, isolated in shanties and construction camps, many of the new arrivals had no knowledge of the past events of the war. In some instances, in spite of the posters scattered over the country, calling upon subjects of enemy countries to report themselves to the nearest registrar, the men, until their arrival in Toronto, did not know they were regarded as alien enemies.

The co-operation of the more respectable members of the Toronto colonies frequented by Bulgars and Austrians proved an assistance to the police. Unregistered new arrivals were refused shelter in the lodging-houses until they could produce the card given by the bureau.