

ALIENS AT NANAIMO.

IF Austrians have been released from internment camps and sent to work in the coal mines of Nanaimo the sooner the fact is ascertained and these aliens removed the better. The people of British Columbia object

strongly to such action even though the military authorities in bringing it about have had in their minds only the idea of saving the country the expense of maintaining these enemies in comfortable places of detention.

Too much of this kind of thing is prevalent in Canada. In Ontario some hundreds of alien foes have been given employment despite the opposition of the citizens there. It is urged, of course, that these enemies are better at work helping to keep themselves rather than being a burden on the Canadian taxpayer, and that many of them are harmless individuals who are merely technical enemies of the British Empire. Nevertheless in the present state of public opinion, the employment of aliens in our industries cannot be excused.

If it is desired to remove the cost of maintaining them from the shoulders of the public, they should be set to work on roads as British prisoners are in Germany and only a living allowance paid them.

General Otter's report will be awaited with interest here.