

ALIENS FINED FOR NOT REPORTING REGULARLY

Try to Lay Blame on Farmers Saying They Would Attend To It for Them

"The farmer told me that I needn't go to the city and register. He said that he would put it all right. I gave the farmer the card when he came into the city and I never had it back afterwards. He said he lost it."

The above was typical of many explanations offered by aliens of enemy nationality when charged with failing to register at the police court during the last few days.

Fines from \$5 to \$15 and costs were invariably imposed by Magistrate Fraser, though the police authorities think that if half the statements put up in defence were true, many farmers are to be blamed for the punishment inflicted upon the foreigners.

The failure of the aliens to register at regular intervals ultimately lands them in the police court. Some of the foreigners seemed aggrieved that they should be punished when to their minds the farmers were equally culpable in the breach of the law and should be called upon to pay part of the fine, if not the whole of it.