

A STRANGE SITUATION.

Discovery, during a court case, that practically eighty per cent. of the workmen in a Toronto munitions factory are enemy aliens should call attention sharply to a situation in Canada demanding scrutiny. It arises from the scarcity of labor. As a direct result of the scarcity, enemy aliens in Canada have gained entrance into industrial and business positions with either a minimum regard for the opportunities opened up for mischief, or none at all.

Experience of the hardest kind has proved that to adopt a policy of easy tolerance in dealing with enemy aliens is to invite disaster. A careless policy permits the enemy secret agents to work out plans and make other preparations in comfort. Enemy aliens cannot be used with safety in positions of trust because they are not to be trusted.

The jury in Toronto called the attention of the Imperial Munitions Board to the particular factory concerned in this case. It is by no means the only one in Canada in which enemy aliens are employed. Why wait for the explosions?