

ALIEN LABOR MUST GET STANDARD PAY

Men Must Be Treated as Canadian Citizens as Long as Actions Proper.

Hon. C. J. Doherty yesterday assured a deputation representing the Trades Congress of Canada and the Miners' unions of the Cobalt and Porcupine districts, that it is contrary to the policy of the Government to permit alien enemies to be released from internment camps to work for lower than standard scales of wages. The deputation protested against discrimination as to wages or status as individual miners being applied to the seven hundred registered aliens now working in the Northern Ontario mines.

The labor representatives objected to a suggestion made to the Government recently, that the men be allowed only internment camp pay, namely, twenty-five cents per day, and that the difference between this amount and the union rate of wages paid to miners be turned over to Patriotic or Red Cross funds.

The Minister of Justice stated that he had given strict instructions that the men were to be treated as Canadian citizens, so long as they obeyed the laws of this country, and abstained from seditious talk or activities. They, therefore, he said, would be entitled to the full amount of the standard wage scale prescribed for regular union men. The delegation expressed complete satisfaction with the reply.