

# EIGHTY ALIENS ARE IN CUSTODY

## Police Break Up Meeting of Social Democrats

### CHARTER IS TAKEN AWAY

**Four Women Taking Part in Gathering Demanded to be Accorded Same Treatment as Men—Party Claims Membership of 11,000.**

Detective Inspector Kennedy, Detective Sergeant Mackie and a dozen detectives and plainclothesmen yesterday afternoon raided Lodge 52 of the Social-Democrat party of Canada, which was holding a meeting in the Occident Hall, at the corner of Queen and Bathurst streets.

Eighty or more **alien enemies** who have accepted an undertaking from the Registrar under which they were given their freedom, with certain restrictions, were taken into custody, after a brief explanation to the President of the party. They will appear to-day before Chief of Police Grasett, who is Registrar of **Alien Enemies**.

"It is simply a case of **alien enemies** discussing the policies of the Government," said Detective Inspector Kennedy, who stated that the arrests followed upon the orders of the Chief Constable.

#### Freedom for Naturalized.

Inspector Kennedy interpreted his orders literally. All men in the room who had become naturalized citizens of Canada were not questioned after they had shown their papers, and were informed that they might proceed to discuss any policy of Canada or the allies if they wished, or anything pertaining to their own welfare.

Among the party were four girls. They were not questioned, but one of the number was disposed to take up the question of Socialism as she saw it, with Inspector Kennedy.

"Where are the men going?" she asked.

"We are not going to arrest the women," said Inspector Kennedy.

"Why not we have the same rights as men?" she queried.

#### Only **Alien Enemies** Wanted.

There was no question regarding the unity of purpose of the men gathered there yesterday. Detective Maurer and Government Interpreter Goodman stood under the speaker for some moments, listened to his address, and then ordered him to cease his discourse. He was told that the police intended to take into custody only **alien enemies**.

He shouted something in Ukrainian to the gathering. To a man the men stood up.

Detective Inspector Kennedy made his way through the crowded room, questioned him regarding his naturalization papers, and then handed him over to Detective George Guthrie, to ascertain the truth of his assertion.

#### Many Speak English.

Many of the eighty placed under arrest were able to speak English. An officer of the lodge told the police that the meetings were held frequently to educate the Ukrainians regarding their language and customs. He could not explain why a naturalized Canadian should not lecture upon Canada.

The police state that they suspect the lodge to be paying attention to certain principles of Socialism. Indirectly they have heard that at a former meeting utterances of an alleged seditious nature were made.

#### Police Take Charter.

The charter of the lodge was taken away by Inspector Kennedy for the perusal of the Chief Constable. Prominently displayed on the charter is the following advice:

"Workers of the world unite. You have only chains to lose and a world to gain.

"Organize and seize the reins of Government.

"Divide the property of the capitalist."

When he was interrupted and before he was whisked away by Detective Inspector Kennedy's orders, he stated that the headquarters of the party was in Winnipeg, and that it now has 11,000 members. With pride another officer of the lodge said that this was only the Ukrainian branch of the party.

The police experienced no difficulty in placing the men under arrest or taking them away. A crowd of several thousands gathered on Bathurst street to witness the proceedings. In it were scores of foreigners who had come to the vicinity apparently to attend the meeting.