

AN ALIEN MENAOE.

Enemy aliens in Canada have been responsible for much of the seditious literature distributed in Canada during the war, and have been in other ways mischievously ungrateful for the privileges given them in this country. According to Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., who was entrusted with the enforcement of Federal orders in Council for the repression of disloyal propoganda, Russians, Finns, and Ukrainians have been specially active. Pamphlets in Finnish have contained matter, obscene and irreligious as well as traitorous, that was unfit for publication. Their children have been taught to call Canada "a land of slavery" in a song which was sung to the tune of "God Save the King." One of the widely-distributed Finnish pamphlets represented England as a world-robber, and oppressor, starving the East Indians. Publications of Russian agitators have been circulated almost as widely in Canada as in Russia itself directly inciting to armed insurrection. The Ukrainian literature was equally pernicious.

Mr. Cahan shows by the registration figures that in Canada there are 63,784 Russians of sixteen years and over, of whom 11,000 are resident in Montreal, 10,000 in Toronto, 2,000 in Hamilton, and 3,000 in Ontario towns. In Manitoba there are 10,300, in Saskatchewan 16,650, and in Alberta 6,500. Of the Austro-Hungarians about 70,000 registered as **enemy** aliens, the cities of Montreal and Winnipeg containing the largest numbers. Among the Finns over sixty branches of the Social Democratic party have been established. Mr. Cahan thinks there are few of these foreigners who have not been affected by seditious propoganda.

The experience of the war has compelled Canadians to reconsider their attitude toward **alien** immigration from Europe. It has been a painful surprise to discover that many thousands who came to this country to escape oppression and hardship have shamefully abused its hospitality. They were a drag on its war efforts while they enjoyed personal liberty and profited greatly through the shortage of labor caused by the exodus of Canadians to the front. In future Russians, Ukrainians, and Finns applying for admission to Canada must be scrutinized as closely as those from **enemy** countries. Any who have been guilty of seditious utterances or actions, and all members of organizations advocating revolution by violence, should be deported at the first opportunity. A firm policy toward this class need not relax our efforts to Canadianize deserving immigrants, and especially to provide their children with the best educational facilities.