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# FURTHER LIGHT ON THE ALIENS

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## Minister of Labor Tells of Efforts to Help Them Go Home

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Some further light on the Government's policy upon the much discussed alien question was furnished last night in the form of a letter from Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, which was read at the meeting of the District Trades and Labor Council.

"Last Friday I visited Toronto with a view to ascertaining if it were possible to assist in relieving the situation by arranging transportation for foreigners desiring to leave Canada," says Senator Robertson upon the alien question.

"Finding that they would be glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity the Government cabled overseas with a view to ascertaining whether or not they would be admitted to their home countries, and, if so, whether or not shipping facilities can be placed at their disposal at Halifax or St. John. If these arrangements can be made it is our intention to arrange land transportation for a few thousand aliens in southern Ontario, who are awaiting and are anxious to pay their transportation home."

Dr. Horace L. Brittain briefly addressed the Council upon the topic which he has been taking up with ratepayers' associations and other bodies. He endeavored to impress upon the trades unionists the necessity of regarding Governments as social agencies. Dr. Brittain pointed out that there were many who regarded the functions of Government as negative. He explained that it was within comparatively recent years that Boards of Education and Health Departments had been taken up as public enterprises, and these he held to be outstanding examples of positive functions of Government.

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