

Hutterites, Mennonites and Doukhobors Barred

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, May 1.—From to-morrow and until further order, immigration of Doukhobors, Hutterites and Mennonites is prohibited. An order in Council to this effect was signed by the Governor-General this afternoon. It was passed under the provisions of the existing Immigration Act, which gives authority to this end.

The order recites that "owing to conditions prevailing as a result of the war, a wide-spread feeling exists throughout the Dominion, and more particularly in Western Canada, that steps should be taken to prevent the entry into Canada of all persons who may be regarded as undesirable because owing to their peculiar customs, habits, modes of living and methods of holding property, they are not likely to become readily assimilated, or to assume the duties and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship within a reasonable time."

The order adds that numerous representations have been received that Doukhobors, Hutterites and Mennonites are of this class and character.