

ALIEN ENEMIES PEACEFUL

Those in Ottawa Desire Work More Than Any Thing.

So far no aliens of enemy nationality from Ottawa have been interned at Petawawa or other centers. The foreigners who are to undergo internment are only those whom the authorities have reason to believe will not live up to the undertaking which every alien is forced to sign. An alien registration office has been opened at 40 Bank street for the registration of aliens in the Capital. There are more than a thousand of these in the city, those of Austrian nationality being in the majority, numbering fully 80 per cent. The remainder are Germans. Not one subject of the Ottoman empire has registered.

The local office is under the direction of the department of justice and is managed by Mr. W. D. Erwin. Similar offices have been established in other large cities such as Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. Each alien is required to sign an undertaking to abide by the laws of Canada and the United Kingdom, and to agree to in no way supply information which may be of value to the enemy. In Ottawa the hundreds of aliens are quite docile and need work more than anything else. Most of these unfortunate men are without employment, many having been out of work for many months. Chiefly they hail from Galicia where the fighting has been thickest, and the bulk of them are Austrian reservists with dependents, from whom they have been unable to receive news for four or five months. Some of them state that they have no money as ten in the family who look to them for support. They are required to report once a month; in special cases, oftener.