

ALIEN ENEMIES

TO MAKE WAY FOR BRITISH MINERS

**German and Austrian Subjects
Employed in Island Collieries
Will be Interned, Mr.
Bowser Says.**

UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

**Delegates of Local Bodies in
Conference With At-
torney-General.**

That the provincial government plans to intern the alien enemies employed in the mines at Nanaimo and to fill their places by men who have practically been out of work since the strike of two years ago, was the statement made by Hon. W. J. Bowser, acting premier of British Columbia, at a conference held today in the Board of Trade rooms with representatives of the councils and different public bodies of Vancouver and other municipalities to consider the question of relief work and the unemployed. The acting premier stated that these aliens would be placed in the prison farm near Ladysmith until provision could be made for their reception at the general internment camp at Vernon. The attorney-general added that the government had now completed its plans for the internment of all alien enemies.

Italians and Russians.

With regard to the Italians, arrangements were pending for the sending back of reservists to serve under the colors, and this step would relieve any destitution among Italians in Vancouver. Communication had been entered into with the Russian consul-general at Seattle, but it appeared that, although many Russians in the province were reservists and willing to go back and serve under the colors, the Russian government was unable to assist in any way, either by providing bottoms or other facilities, as all the transportation resources of that country were being employed in operations connected with the actual conduct of hostilities.

Having heard the views of the representatives of the several bodies interested, the attorney-general assured the meeting that he would, on his return tomorrow to Victoria, immediately confer with his colleagues and promised that whatever plans for relief seemed practicable and justifiable, under the obtaining conditions, would be entered upon by the government.

Dominion Projects.

An interesting announcement was made by Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., who gave to the meeting a rough outline of the items that the Dominion government intended to expend in public works in Greater Vancouver this year.

"The government," said Mr. Stevens, "contemplates the expenditure of \$3,400,000 during the coming fiscal year. Work on the grain elevator should start within a very few days, and \$700,000 will be expended in this connection. On the government wharf, about \$1,000,000 will be expended. Some \$60,000 to \$70,000 will be employed in the finishing of buildings now under way.

"The government," continued Mr. Stevens, "purpose to call for tenders very shortly for the new drill hall, and this will involve an approximate cost of \$300,000. I received a telegram from Ottawa that the new specifications are now ready.