

A SUGGESTION

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Dear Sir:— Following the news of your papers I cannot fail to express my admiration of the efficient and necessary work our military authorities have done in securing the safety and peace of all citizens in Canada so that they will not be disturbed by any antagonistic foreign element with its sympathies for the enemies of Great Britain. This task can, of course, well be left with the military or other authorities dealing with law and order and will, we all feel, be carried out by them.

There are, however, a few thousand unnaturalized aliens now interned in various camps throughout Canada without knowing what their lot will be in the future, and nothing to alleviate the present. Many other problems, such as unemployment, patriotic relief and Red Cross work, keep our prominent men busy and which necessarily prohibit them from giving any attention to the less pressing, but none the less humanitarian question of the life of these interned until the end of the war.

Would it not be another and as equally great a patriotic act if we would see that all these who only a few months ago were our fellow citizens, and who are now kept in internment camps without any physical or mental occupation, be given some opportunity to realize the benefit of Canadian citizenship by some means of education or other. I am sure this could be accomplished.

Now is the time to give them a chance to learn what Canada will mean to them. The learning of English for instance, would employ their minds and save them from becoming mentally absorbed in their present situation. Newspapers, magazines and literature in general would undoubtedly be a great boon and pleasure to these people.

Anyone interested in this movement should communicate immediately with the undersigned.

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