

**POSTAGE RATES TO WEST INDIES.**

To the Editor of *The Globe*: On a recent trip in the West Indies I visited St. Lucia, where the immense fortifications built by the British and Imperial authorities are now protected with French guns sent from Martinique, and the gunners consist of Canadian troops, while the inhabitants are mostly negroes speaking a French patois, a most interesting combination brought about by the present war.

I wanted to send some Canadian papers to the men, as they complain that they get very few newspapers from Canada, but find that the postage would cost about \$7 per year on each paper. In view of the success that has attended the efforts of Hon. George E. Foster in building up trade between Canada and the West Indies, surely some arrangement could be made whereby the postage rates on Canadian papers would be much lessened. It is not fair to these soldiers to put a prohibitive price on sending them papers. It cannot help Canadian trade to put a prohibitive rate on our newspapers. Nor should it be difficult to make some arrangement, as the mails to St. Lucia are sent fortnightly by a line operating under a subsidy paid for by the Canadian Government.

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**ALIENS IN CANADA.**

To the Editor of *The Globe*: One is interested in reading the views expressed by Lieut. G. G. Clegg, regarding what he terms the transformation of Austrian and Turkish navvies into agriculturists. If they were going to be tillers of the soil of their fatherland, it would probably be a laudable object to train interned alien enemies for this occupation. However, the report points to the conclusion that it is the soil of Canada on which these men are to settle. One meets everywhere the words: "Your King and Country need you now." Why are men needed now? They are needed to expel the German, Austrian, Turk and Bulgar from the seas—from Africa, Belgium, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Poland, Armenia, and every other sphere where they have spread their baneful influence. It is unthinkable that at this or any other time the policy of this Dominion should be to open up the land of the Dominion, the common heritage of the people, to men of alien and enemy races. After the suggestion made in the report by Lieut. G. G. Clegg, and not to be outdone by him, I shall expect to see the Kaiser offer to our Canadian prisoners grants of land in the fatherland with the addition of a sum of money to help them stock the same. All the available agricultural land will be needed and should be retained for our returned soldiers. Also any employment that may be going should be reserved for them. Our watchword should be: "Canada for the Canadians—Canada, British by tradition, by language and by breed."

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