

Toronto's Four Thousand Are Giving Scarcely Any Trouble.

Of the 4,000 or more alien enemies within the jurisdiction of Colonel Grasett, C.M.G., in Toronto, and for whom Detective Inspector Kennedy and his men, Murray, Maurer, and Hess, are responsible, only 162 since the outbreak of the war have failed to abide by the proclamation of the Privy Council of Canada made on the outbreak of war, under which alien enemies were accorded the respect and consideration due peaceful and law-abiding citizens if they did not engage in acts of espionage, engage or attempt to engage in acts of a hostile nature, or give or attempt to give information to the enemy, or contravene any law, order-in-Council, or proclamation.

Of the 162 who have been sent to Kapuskasing from Toronto, not one was guilty of an act of an hostile nature, says Inspector Kennedy. During the period of depression which immediately followed the outbreak of the war many themselves informed the police that they were destitute, appeared before the magistrate the following day, and then were sent to the internment camp. Others, during intoxicated moments, voiced seditious remarks, and some in angry moments made threats of violence. A few Germans have made feeble attempts to gather information.

These facts of the conduct of alien enemies within his jurisdiction explains just why Inspector Kennedy refuses to advocate as yet the internment of alien enemies. At present some who were sent to the Northern Ontario camps during the early months of the war have taken advantage of second courtesy and are at liberty in Toronto so long as they report to the registrar.

The willingness of Bulgars and Turks to fall in line with the Privy Council's proclamation may be explained by some of their stories as told to Detective Murray of the atrocities of the Balkan campaigns. The failure of some of the educated Germans and Austrians to take advantage of the freedom under the proclamation may be due to the activities of the three officers Murray, Maurer, and Hess.

As a police officer, Inspector Kennedy advances some reasons for discretion regarding the circulation of stories of attempts to destroy buildings and other hostile acts. In every community, he says, there is an element which will take advantage of such a situation. There is just a possibility that others than alien enemies may cover some crime against an insurance company by means of these stories. He points out juries or judges will accept only the strongest evidence before they will register a conviction.

The danger to buildings, the destruction of which might materially assist the central powers, lies to a far greater extent from without as the police now see it, than from within, Canada. Practically all known hostile acts or attempts were committed or engineered by persons residing outside Canadian borders. The

attempts at Vancouver and the Windsor-
not outrages are the only recorded
hostile or attempted acts in Canada,
in the police way. The Parliament
buildings are now probably accident-
less.