

ENFORCE STRICT REGULATIONS IN NORTH ONTARIO

Before Owning Land Aliens Must
Become British Subjects—Must
Unreservedly Obey Laws

French Canadians Must Sign Affi-
davit Declaring They Will Obey
Famous "Regulation 17"

Penalties Entail Forfeiture of Rights
and Monies Paid on Account
of Land Purchase

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Toronto, Jan. 17.—French-Canadians desiring to settle in northern Ontario must sign an affidavit that they will obey the famous "Regulation 17," which has been the cause of so much trouble in the French districts of the province. This is the most outstanding feature of important new settlement regulations which are now in force in Ontario.

The new regulations are also designed to compel aliens settling in northern Ontario to become British subjects. "There are already a large number of Germans and Austrians up there," said Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, today, "and we propose in future that an alien must become a British subject before he can own land in New Ontario. So long as I am minister of lands, forests and mines," proceeded Mr. Ferguson, "Ontario will remain a British province and no German or Austrian will get land here until he becomes naturalized."

Heavy Penalties Provided.

Not only must the new settlers agree to obey unreservedly all the laws of the Dominion of Canada and the province of Ontario, but they must make a specific affidavit that they will obey the laws relating to militia and military service and all provincial laws, statutes, rules and regulations of every character whatsoever may be in force from time to time. This, of course, includes Regulation 17 of the department of education, respecting the teaching of the French language in the schools of the province. Heavy penalties are provided for if settlers fail to carry out their part of the agreement. The affidavit contains this paragraph: "That I understand that failure to comply with any of the promises or declarations made herein, shall, in addition to any other penalties to which I may be subject, entail forfeiture without compensation of all my rights and of any moneys paid on account of the purchase of land."

The new affidavit further makes clear the government's decision that "for the duration of the war no application to purchase crown lands for settlement purposes by a male individual of military age will be accepted, unless accompanied by a medical certificate of unfitness or proof of rejection or exemption or until approved by the minister."