

# PREMIER REASSURES THOSE OF ALIEN BIRTH

## NO CONFISCATION OR DISPOSSESSION OR DISCRIMINATORY TAXATION IS INTENDED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Prime Minister to-day gave out the following statement:

The Government has recently received information that an unfortunate impression has been created among naturalized British subjects in the Western Provinces who were born in countries with which we are unfortunately at war. It is said that many of these people believe that it is the intention of the Government to deprive them of their lands and to confiscate their property. For this reason they are in grave doubt as to whether or not it is worth while for them to engage in the work of production during the approaching season. It is also reported that they are apprehensive that the Government will

impose discriminatory taxation upon them.

In the early months of the war the Government issued a proclamation assuring all such persons of the enjoyment of their property and civil rights in this country so long as they obey the laws of the country of their adoption and refrain from any attempt to assist the enemy. That assurance stands good to-day. There is no intention on the part of the Government to deprive them of their land or to confiscate their property or otherwise to treat them unfairly or unjustly. Their fear that they will be subject to discriminatory taxation is also wholly unfounded, as it is not the intention of the Government to adopt or put into force any such policy.

## MORE POGROMS REPORTED.

### Serious Outbreaks Against the Jews in Russia.

Stockholm, Feb. 20. — Serious outbreaks against the Jews in various parts of Russia are described in reports received by the Jewish Press Bureau here. Bloody pogroms are said to have occurred at Lublin, Rashkoff, Tsherkchl, Tiraspol and Kornin.