

WOULD DRAFT ENEMY ALIENS

Solution to Problem That Has Puzzled Local Officials

What to do with **aliens** in regard to military service is taking up much time and thought of those in charge of the Military Service Act. W. R. Smyth, K.C., Chief Public Representative, has already urged upon some of the tribunals that these men should be drafted, and that they should be required to produce conclusive proof of their status as citizens of **alien** countries otherwise. A big stumbling block to the whole problem is that under the Military Service Act only British subjects are liable to drafting.

Mr. Justice Ferguson has forwarded a letter to W. R. Smyth, in which it is pointed out that in Britain a military service convention is in existence with allied States, by which citizens of these States are either drafted in England or go home. Justice Ferguson advocates similar action in Canada. He states that the Government could put it into effect by order in Council.

It is understood that Mr. Smyth is taking up this suggestion with the authorities at Ottawa.