

## Indemnities for Canadians

Thousands of claims have already been filed at Ottawa by Canadians for hurt or damage sustained by illegal methods of warfare practised by Germany and her allies.

It is urged by some that the losses sustained at Halifax by the explosion should not be borne by Halifax and her people, but should be considered a war loss and borne by Canada and her allies in the war, and charged by them in the indemnity to be collected from the enemy.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, the Canadian novelist, has advanced the suggestion that the Canadian Government should include in its bill for indemnification the case of every Canadian who was a prisoner of war in Germany and who, through the cruel and unfair treatment received, has suffered permanent loss of health. His suggestion is that these men and the heirs of prisoners who died, some of them by violence and some from hardship and neglect, should receive pensions for life, and that provision for it ought to be made in the bill for indemnification presented by Canada. In this way it would be written into the history and business records of the war that the mistreatment of **prisoners** of war is illegal, wrong, and to those guilty of it, expensive and unprofitable for long afterwards.