

NOT QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE NEW ORDER

The Regulations Won't Prevent Aliens Competing With Soldiers for Work.

The new regulations passed by the Government yesterday respecting the alien situation are satisfactory in some respects to the various veterans, but in many quarters the opinion is held that they do not go far enough in preventing labor competition with the returned men. These regulations confer on the judge in any district power to intern any alien on summary complaint by municipal or local authorities.

Chief of Police Grasett when seen by The Star stated that he had received no official intimation of any change in handling the enemy aliens. "I have not had any time as yet," said he, "to give the matter any consideration."

Detective A. J. Murray, of the Alien Enemy Registration Office on Adelaide street, told The Star that from the beginning of the war up to the present time 14,498 enemy aliens had been registered at the local office, of which 7,000 were still reporting, the balance having been allowed to go to other districts. In Toronto district, which comprises a territory within a radius of 20 miles from Toronto, 173 had been interned.

"The new order-in-Council seems to demonstrate a desire on the part of the Government to meet the request of a great majority of the English-speaking people of Canada," said Provincial Secretary Turley, of the G.W.V.A.

"In my opinion, however, it does not prevent the possibility of further ill-feeling and friction because very few aliens are liable to be interned as a result of this order-in-Council. Because of this they must necessarily seek employment, and, therefore, come into competition with returned soldiers in the industrial field.

"It would go far to clarify the situation," continued Secretary Turley, "if the Government at an early date would make a definite announcement that no further immigration from any alien countries would be allowed for at least twenty-five years from the date of the signing of peace terms. Not only that, but, in my opinion, German communities should be broken up.

"Under the new machinery," said the Provincial secretary, "the officers of the law cannot possibly add considerably to the number of interned enemy aliens for the reason that they must be in a position to prove that those charged 'have shown hostility or become undesirable as citizens'—which in time of peace will be rather difficult."