

INTERNMENT OF ALIEN ENEMIES IS DEMANDED

Deportation and Confiscation of Property Also Asked for by Veterans

NORRIS INTERVIEWED

Big Delegation of the G.W.V.A. Waits on the Manitoba Premier

WINNIPEG, May 1.—Demanding the immediate interment of the alien enemy population of Manitoba, their deportation and the confiscation of their money and property over \$75, in favor of the widows and orphans of the soldiers, a delegation of between two and three hundred members of the G.W.V.A. appeared before Premier T. C. Norris in the legislative chambers of the parliament buildings this evening.

The demands of the veterans were put forward by a number of comrades, some of whom threatened vigorous action on the part of the returned men if this menace to the life of the province, as it was put, was not removed. A subsidiary claim was the strengthening of the operations of the aliens' investigation board, by making registration of all aliens with it compulsory. It was pointed out that there were 24,000 aliens in Winnipeg yet only 3,000 had appeared before the board.

Premier Norris replied at length, dealing with the different jurisdictions of the Dominion and provincial governments and made an announcement that was greeted with cheers when he informed the veterans that private employment agencies would cease to exist in Manitoba from June 1. The license then expired, he said, and would not be renewed.

On the question of interment the Premier pointed out that any undesirable citizen could be interned if a definite charge were made and it were proved. In regard to the deportation and confiscation of alien property, he stated he would make strong representations to Sir Thomas White, acting premier of the Dominion and the department of justice at Ottawa, regarding the view of the veterans on the question. These, he pointed out were entirely matters for the Dominion and must be dealt with in a national way.