

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE ALIEN PROBLEM.

To the Editor of The Globe: I cannot omit to express my thanks to Dr. Clark of Red Deer and Mr. S. W. Jacobs of Montreal for their high-minded impartiality toward us "alien enemies." The words, spoken by a father who had three sons on the front, are giving room to hope that the alien problem is beginning to be looked upon from a more individual standpoint.

We so-called alien enemies do not mind remaining "enemies" on paper until peace is signed to comply with a formality, but afterwards we hope to be free from this stigma. Let us forget after the signing of peace that we were supposed to be enemies of people with whom we had no personal quarrel. We alien enemies who preserved an unprejudiced mind during the war want to earn honestly our living and to work with our comrades, irrespective of race, flag or creed, for the progress of civilization.

We share the sorrow of the Canadian people drawn in this European whirlpool through circumstances beyond the control of this nation, and are not blind to the fact that Great Britain (and Canada) could not have stayed out of this war when her allies, France and Russia, were in danger of being crushed. We are bowing in reverence before the heroes who are coming back from the front and before those who made the supreme sacrifice, and we shall always be glad when we can help to bring a ray of sunshine in the homes of the bereft widows and orphans whose family life was so cruelly broken up through this war. What difference does it make so long as we foreigners play an open game with the cards on the table and refrain from any secrecy and so long as we do not evade the obligations toward this country?

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