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CFWWIRF Unveils Educational Digital Map with Links to Over 1,000 Newspaper Articles Dealing with Canada's First National Internment Operations of 1914 to 1920

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – February 22, 2016 – The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) announced that it recently launched a new digital interactive map on its website - www.internmentcanada.ca. The map contains over 1,000 digitized news articles dating from 1914 to 1920 that describes the opinion of the time and presents the hardship unjustly endured by new immigrants who were invited to Canada and then had their civil and human rights taken away by the *War Measures Act*.

During Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920, thousands of men, women and children were branded as "enemy aliens" and many were imprisoned. Stripped of what little wealth they had, forced to do heavy labour in Canada's hinterlands, they were also disenfranchised and subjected to other state sanctioned censures not because of anything they had done but only because of where they had come from and who they were.

"Until now, Canadians interested in the internment operations from 1914 to 1920 have had limited sources to consult in their research," said Frank Jankac, Project Lead and Researcher. "This unique project will consolidate the newspaper reports from that era and provide an invaluable source of information for students, professionals and the general public in the ongoing effort to uncover the internment experience in our nation's history."

The link to the digital map can be found at <http://internmentcanada.ca/map.cfm>

About CFWWIRF

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

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