

RETURNED SOLDIERS WITH ALIEN ENEMIES

Mayor Church Protests on Behalf of Men

ARE AT STANLEY BARRACKS

His Worship Appeals to Sir Edward Kemp and Sir James Lougheed to Investigate—Men Complain They Were Not Given Proper Trial.

Mayor Church, who returned to the city yesterday, issued a statement in protest against the unfair treatment he says some of the returned soldiers at Whitby Hospital are subjected to. He has wired to Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia, and to Sir James Lougheed, Chairman of the Military Hospitals Commission, on the matter. In the course of his statement, the Mayor alleged "that the returned men complain about their reduced pay; and to being sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment at Stanley Barracks, where they are being forced to serve their sentence with interned alien enemies, although these men have performed many acts of bravery at the front and many of them severely wounded. Some of the men at Whitby," the Mayor adds, "say that the petition which was sent to the papers yesterday was a frame-up, and that some of the men were asked to sign it under pressure.

Protests Against Whitby.

"Personally, I shall not be satisfied," continued the Mayor, "until the returned soldiers who belong to the city are kept in Toronto. There are plenty of buildings available with grounds around them. The Hospitals Commission has not given the Toronto soldiers a fair show re accommodation and treatment. There is also a complaint about some of the officials being civilians, and that officers who have seen little or no service at the front are returned to take soft jobs under the Hospitals Commission, while a private who enlists has to see the war through and cannot come back. The returned men are objecting to being tried by such officials."

Cripple Kept With Aliens.

"One of the men who was sentenced to fourteen days in Stanley Barracks is a cripple and had been badly wounded. He was not allowed to state his case and told to shut up. He is not a kicker and received a very raw deal."

Mayor Church sent the following telegram yesterday to Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia, and Sir James Lougheed, Chairman Military Hospitals Commission:

"Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia, Ottawa: Returned soldiers here, under detention for complaints sent to papers re ill-treatment at Whitby Hospital, are being housed with alien enemies at Stanley Barracks and otherwise ill-used. Will you please investigate. Men complain they were not given a proper trial, under military law, and are asking for an investigation. Please answer."