

REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

The resolution introduced at last night's meeting of the city council by Ald. Bourke, regarding the registration of aliens, is both timely and necessary. The Dominion government recently passed an order requiring the registration of all alien Germans and Austrians in Canada. In taking this action there was no intention on the part of the government to throw suspicion upon any alien German or Austrian in Canada, but merely to assist the authorities in handling what would otherwise be a most difficult problem. In Canada at present there are about 400,000 Germans and about 200,000 Austrians. Most of them are peaceable and law-abiding, without a thought of mischief to anyone or anything in their adopted country. Where they do not offend the sentiment of the people by loud pro-German boastings, or by animosity to the British cause, they can go their way as other inhabitants of the country.

It is because the majority of the aliens in this country have no inclination to make trouble, however, that the order-in-council has been passed. By keeping official track of all aliens from enemy countries, the abuse of Canada's confidence by the mischievous few can be prevented.