

POSTAL CLERKS' ASSN. QUESTIONS HIRING OF ALIENS

Secretary J. W. Green Says Two Men In Local Office Are Austrian or German

The Dominion Postal Clerks' association of Canada, of which J. W. Green, of Winnipeg, is secretary, is investigating charges that a German and an Austrian are employed at the central post office here, according to a statement made by Mr. Green today.

"One of these men is employed in the money order department, and says he is a Ruthenian, but our information is that he is an Austrian," Mr. Green declared. "This man was a school inspector under the Roblin government. The other man is employed sorting mail bags in the basement of the central office. He says he is a Russian, but it is known that he speaks German very fluently, and that he commonly passed as a German before the outbreak of the war. He was also a member of the German club in Elmwood for a considerable time."

The association is making further investigations into the records of these men, and it is possible that it will present a formal request for their dismissal, but it is hinted that powerful political forces are working in their favor.

In Calgary recently the association took up a similar case, and succeeded in having a foreigner dismissed from the service only after a bitter fight.