

## Vicious Agitators

Reports have reached this city within the past few days of a vicious campaign being conducted in foreign language settlements by men of anti-Canadian sentiments who have come among us from foreign lands, and under our free system of government have been chosen to fill representative positions. We give a word of counsel to these men. It is to cease their agitation against Canadianism. They may be warned now, that there is no haven on the American continent for disloyalty. It is disloyal to propagate a spirit of rebellion against the basic laws of the land. It is the law of this land that children, of whatever nationality, must be instructed in the language of the country. National unity and protection demand strict adherence to this just law.

It has been demonstrated again and again that the peoples from other lands are not only willing, but anxious to conform to the broad, basic laws of Canada, but agitators, of the fire-brand type, while treacherously pretending friendship for laws and administrators of law, go in and out among the new settlers endeavoring to stir up discontent and strife, holding out false bribes and promises that one political party will be less faithful to Canadian principles than the other. Unscrupulous politicians—not foreigners—have been known to encourage the perpetuation of foreign ideals in consideration of votes. These politicians have even encouraged and paid for the dissemination of anti-Canadian foreignizing literature. There is a new deal in Canadian politics, and at the earliest possible moment, there is every hope that such politicians will find themselves out of a job.

In the meantime the authorities will be well advised to keep a close eye on wily agitators, who have no inconsiderable power by reason of the fact that they are of the same blood and speak the language of many of our foreign-born settlers. And we feel well assured that public opinion would justify most drastic action in dealing with disloyal disturbers. Whether in war time or peace time the State, acting honorably in the interests of the nation at large, should show little toleration of enemies who work in the dark.