

# INTERNED ALIENS BEING RELEASED

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Improved Labor Conditions  
Remove Menace Threatened  
by Their Idleness

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Ottawa, July 14.—Canada's interned aliens are now being released. Already large numbers of them have been allowed to return to ordinary life, and more of them are being released all the time.

Between 1,300 and 2,000 Germans and Austrians have been allowed to leave Spirit Lake, Quebec, and Kapuskasing, Ontario, the two large camps along the N.T.R. line. There are now less than a hundred aliens at each of these camps.

The reason for the release of the men is the great improvement in employment conditions in Canada. In the early days of the war, when work was scarce, large numbers of these aliens roamed the streets with nothing to do, and thus promised to constitute a menace. It was this class which was chiefly sent to the internment camps, the more dangerous aliens being confined at Fort Henry and other such places. Now that work is plentiful and labor scarce those at the camps are being let go and are being eagerly received by pulp

mill owners and others who have been experiencing a labor shortage.

Complaints as to the treatment of aliens in Kapuskasing, Spirit Lake and other such camps have been received by the Canadian Government. The Government was able to assure the United States consul, through whom the representations were made, that they were unfounded. Since the outbreak at Kapuskasing some time ago, those interned there have not done work of any kind. There was a disturbance at Spirit Lake about the same time, news of which did not become disseminated, but it was summarily quelled before it reached any proportions.

As a result of the work done by the aliens at both camps in clearing the ground, villages in embryo have grown up, and it is probable that those still at Spirit Lake and Kapuskasing will remain after their release and make their homes there.