

INTERNED ALIENS TO GET LIBERTY

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Ottawa, Nov. 13. — In all Canada there are about 2,500 interned enemy aliens, to whom the declaration of peace will give release. As these are for the most part political prisoners, with no criminal charges against them, the ceasing of the war will automatically restore them to liberty. There are at Amherst, N.S., however, a number of prisoners of war taken from German vessels at the beginning of the war, and these will be dealt with according to the terms of peace.

The interned enemy aliens are now at Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario; Amherst, N.S., and Vernon, B.C. There are about 1,000 of the 2,500 who have of late been working on the railroads at 25c a day and board in order to earn money for their passage home when the war is over. A great many will be deported to their own homes as undesirables in any case. Most of these are known German I. W. W.'s. As to naturalized citizens of enemy country origin, they will revert to their pre-war status. The view of the Minister of Justice with regard to such men is that they have never lost any of their citizenship rights, and that in refusing to allow them to vote at the last election the Government had exercised a right it could use only against its native citizens.