

GOVERNMENT PLAN ON ALIENS IS TOLD

Difficulty in Way of Immediate Deportation Explained.

With regard to the question of aliens in Canada, which is attracting considerable attention and causing some unrest in certain industrial centres, the following information is officially published:

There are at present in various internment camps throughout the Dominion about 2,200 interned prisoners, of whom 1,700 are Germans, the remainder being of Austrian and other enemy nationalities.

Of the 1,700 Germans, 800 were transferred from the West Indies and are held at the request of His Majesty's Government. The Government has been advised by Great Britain that repatriation is now possible of a number not exceeding 100 adult enemy aliens from the Dominion.

Order of Deportation.

The order-in-council has been passed providing for the deportation of all enemy interned prisoners who may be regarded as dangerous, hostile, or undesirable, and this order is now being carried out, subject, of course, to the limitations necessarily imposed by the shortage of shipping and restrictions by enemy countries upon repatriation. Inquiry is also being made of His Majesty's Government for the purpose of obtaining directions as to what disposition they wish to be made of the 800 Germans who were transferred from the West Indies.