

ORDER THE RELEASE OTTAWA FOREIGNERS

Order Prohibiting Meeting At- tended Passed After Gathering?

The Department of Justice has given instructions for the immediate release of the Ukrainians and Poles arrested in Ottawa in May, 1918, and interned, following a meeting of these aliens which had been considered unlawful.

A few days ago a delegation composed of Mr. Auguste Lemieux, K.C., counsel for the Ukrainians, Ottawa, and M. Chopowik and P. Yakubowski, called on Hon. C. J. Doherty, the Minister of Justice, and petitioned the Government for the release of these 17 Ukrainians and Poles. They reported that they were innocent of the charges preferred against them, and that the order-in-council forbidding the meeting which they had attended had been passed in September, 1918, four months after the meeting.

It was also reported that they had been interned without authority, and that during their detention at Kapuskasing Camp, their families had suffered hardships and privations through their bread-winners being imprisoned.