

4500 ALIENS ARE ON THE REGISTER

Number Increases Daily Owing to Rush of Unemployed to City

German, Austrian and Turkish subjects, who have registered their names with the Chief Registrar Mr. Silas H. Carpenter, now number forty-five hundred. The registrar's office is besieged every day by an ever-increasing number of these persons, who are desirous of conforming with the law concerning the registration of alien-foreigners. The daily increase in the number of applicants to register is due, according to Mr. Carpenter, to the fact that Montreal, being a great distributing labor centre, is now receiving the men who have been thrown out of employment as the result of the closing down of many of the large construction camps in the west and elsewhere.

Speaking of the general situation of these men, Mr. Carpenter said yesterday that a small percentage of those who register are interned for reasons which are deemed sufficient by the authorities and these are cared for by the military authorities pending their permanent disposition later by the government. The vast majority of those who register are only required to report to the registrar's office, following the instructions of Mr. Carpenter, who speaks particularly well of the attitude of the Austrian subjects towards the law, obliging them to make themselves known to the registrar of their district. Many among the local alien-foreigner colony are in distress, said the registrar, but this state is due to the general conditions which now exist throughout the country. These conditions affect today a very large number of native English and French-speaking families, so that it is not to be wondered at that the foreign colony is feeling the pinch so acutely.

Plans for the carrying out of the government's idea of putting these people on a settlement in the Abitibi district are not matured as yet, and the officials are still at work upon the

subject, whereby a large colony, numbering thousands of these men, will be set to work to clear the land in that region.