

# FOR LAW-ABIDING ALIENS

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## Will Receive Fair Treatment, Says Minister of Justice

(Special to The Gazette.)

Ottawa, June 5.—Strict instructions have been given that men of enemy nationality released from internment camps and working in the mines at Cobalt and Porcupine were to have, so long as they obeyed the laws of the country and abstained from seditious words, all the rights of Canadian citizens and would, therefore, be entitled to the full amount of the standard wage scale of miners. Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, told a deputation representing the Trades and Labor Congress and the Miners Unions today.

Some seven or eight hundred men, who have either been released from the internment camps or are registered as aliens are now working in the mines. It was recently proposed to the Government and operators that these workers receive only the internment camp rate of pay, 25 cents a day, and

that the difference between this amount and the regular wages of miners be paid to the Patriotic or Red Cross funds.

The delegation came to Ottawa to oppose the acceptance of this proposition and its members express satisfaction with the reply of the Minister of Justice.

The deputation included President J. C. Watters, Vice-President James Simpson and R. A. Rigg, M.L.A., of Winnipeg, representing the Trades and Labor Congress; Joseph Gorman and Wm. Defue, of the Miners Union; Thomas Moore, representing the Carpenters Union, and J. W. Bruce, representing the Plumbers and Steamfitters organization.