

# NO FAVOR SHOWN TO ALIEN ENEMIES

## C. P. R. Officials Have Investigated All Cases of Alleged Enemies in Employ.

Answering a complaint received by The World from Rogers Pass that in the work being done at the tunnel there preference was shown to alien enemies in that a large number of Germans were being employed, whereas Britishers who were constantly applying for places were refused, Mr. F. W. Peters, superintendent of the western division of the C. P. R., this morning stated that he very much doubted the authenticity of the report.

"The extensive work at the tunnel," he said, "is in the hands of the contractors, Foley, Welch & Stewart, and we have no immediate supervision over the employment of the men, but knowing Jack Stewart as I do, I very much doubt if he would give work for one minute to a single German, unless he was properly naturalized and in every way behaving himself. There are probably few men, if any, in the province more enthusiastic over the British cause and harder any who have contributed as much, in a financial way to the furtherance of the Canadian part in the war, as Mr. Stewart. However, I shall take the first opportunity of drawing the contractors' attention to the report, and if there is any irregularity it will be remedied at once."

### C. P. R. Attitude.

Speaking of the attitude of the C. P. R. in the matter of giving employment to Germans, Mr. Peters said that shortly after the commencement of the war C. P. R. officials had made a quiet but thorough investigation of every man in their employ with a German or Austrian name. All men who were not properly naturalized within a reasonable time after entering their employ before the outbreak of the war, or who had shown by word of mouth or action, any disloyalty to the British cause, were promptly dismissed from the service. In cases, however, where employees had lived up to the best traditions of British citizenship, and had given the company good service, he did not think it British fair play or common justice to discharge them.

### Many Complaints.

"We have some naturalized Germans in our employ," said Mr. Peter, "and you would be surprised to learn just how much they detest the Prussian military idea, men whom I personally know have given expression to these sentiments long before the war ever broke out. We have investigated a great many complaints since the declaration of war regarding the employment of aliens and are doing our best to see that enemy aliens are weeded out. In some cases we find little ground for the complaints, and not infrequently the desire on the part of someone looking for the man's job to have him dismissed."