

RIGHTS OF ALIEN ENEMIES

May Come Under Law if Acting Peacefully.

An alien of an enemy nationality who goes about his business peaceably is entitled to his rights under the law according to a judgment of Mr. Justice MacDonald of British Columbia, a copy of which has been received here. An Austrian miner named Topay sought to recover damages from the Crow's Nest Coal Company for injuries owing to negligence and the company set up the defence that as the war is on the alien enemy was not entitled to rights which otherwise would be his. The judge refers to the order-in-council declaring that peaceable aliens are entitled to the protection of the law and interprets it as meaning that it applies also to the negligence of companies.