

# GERMAN SETTLERS

## WANT GUNS AGAIN

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### Alien Enemy Farmers in West Ask For Return of Firearms to Kill Game.

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A number of appeals have been received by the Government from German and Austrian settlers in the West who are not naturalized citizens of Canada, asking that their guns be returned to them. Shortly after war broke out it was considered advisable to disarm many of these settlers.

They now claim that they require their weapons for defence against prairie wolves, and also as a means of providing themselves with meat. They state that they are too poor to buy meat, and depend to a large extent upon game for subsistence.

The question is being looked into, and in individual cases the opinion of the mounted police will have some weight, but in view of recent developments it is hardly likely that all the requests will be granted. The mounted police force has had to be augmented by five hundred to preserve order in the sections settled by these foreigners.