

# WHO IS REGISTRAR? STILL UNDECIDED

**Chief Constable Claims Appointment, so Does Mr. A. J. Russell Snow, K.C.**

**OTTAWA LETTER TO-DAY**

**Confirms Mr. Snow's Appointment; No Idea of Superseding Him**

The question who is Registrar of Alien Enemies in Toronto? is still undecided as far as can be learned from the Chief Constable, Col. H. J. Grasett and Mr. A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., who both claim the office.

Mr. A. J. Russell Snow K.C., received a letter from the Department of Justice to-day stating that the Minister had no intention of appointing Chief Constable Col. H. J. Grasett to supersede him in the Office of the Registrar of Alien Enemies.

The department, it appeared, considered that the work of registering aliens in the city of Toronto was now practically completed and that the work of supervising those registered might as well be looked after by the police to whom the registrar had reported delinquent alien in the past.

**Confirmed in Office.**

Mr. Snow said that he understood from the letter that he was confirmed in the magisterial office of determining whether alien enemies might leave the country or not, and of deciding questions of internment, while the police department was to see that the aliens already registered reported regularly.

There are two orders-in-council regarding the registration of alien enemies, one of August 14th, placing the work in the hands of the chiefs of police and one later, October 26th, providing for the appointment of special registrars.

Under this order Chief Grasett acted before the appointment of Mr. Snow. No one here appears able to state clearly the relation between the Chief Constable and Mr. Snow with regard to these orders.

Col. Grasett stated to The Daily News to-day that he had received no further communication from Ottawa since Thursday, when he had been instructed by Lieut.-Col. Percy Sherwood, Chief Inspector of Dominion Police, acting for the Minister of Justice, to take over the sole charge of the duties of the Registrar of Alien Enemies here. This he had done.

He stated further that he was not in communication with Mr. Snow. He took his instructions direct from Ottawa.

When informed of the letter received by Mr. Snow to-day, Col. Grasett said there appeared to some misunderstanding at Ottawa.