

Thousand Aliens Interned in B.C.

Six Concentration Camps Es- tablished—Men Put at Road Work

There are now six internment camps in British Columbia and over 1,000 enemy aliens in custody. Major Ridgway Wilson, of the Provincial Intelligence Department, states that since the beginning of the war the number coming within the above classification has been steadily increasing. The department's work, of course, has kept pace with the increase, it being necessary not only

to find accommodation for the men detained, but to keep track of those dependent on them in order to see that they are not in want.

Nanaimo, the district contiguous to Vernon, Fernie, Monashee, Revelstoke and Edgewood are the sites of the camps. The two latter were established recently. All, with the exception of Nanaimo and Fernie, are what is known as "working camps." The foreigners whom the Government has taken under its surveillance being employed for the most part on roads. At Revelstoke, for instance, they are engaged in the building of a thoroughfare up the mountain side, a work which residents of the district have wanted to see completed for some time as a tourist attraction of exceptional merit. The arrangements for the engagement of the prisoners in this useful activity have been made between the Provincial and the Dominion Administrations.