

Possible Teuton intrigues against life and property

in Canada concerned Parliament on both Thursday and Friday. Whatever the majority of the members may think regarding the origin of the great Parliament Hill fire there is no question, but that it has left a feeling among most of them that possibly we are just a trifle too trustful, tolerant and easy-going, and that it might be better if in the future we didn't leave much to chance. This was expressed by Messrs. Macdonald, Pugsley, Lemieux and others. They implied that the Government regulations in respect to enemy aliens were not sufficiently wide, that greater power to deal with these people should be placed with town, city and municipal authorities. The orders-in-council, briefly, provide that alien enemies be not permitted the use or possession of firearms, ammunition or dangerous explosives; they provide for registration of alien enemies; and that no alien enemy be permitted to leave Canada without a permit from a registrar, and then only after the registrar is satisfied that such person will not assist the enemy. There are one or two other minor provisions. Mr. Pugsley maintained that these provisions were inadequate, that while they looked after the man who goes around proclaiming from the house-tops that he is disloyal and pro-German, they entirely neglect the much more dangerous individual who keeps his mouth shut and his eyes open. In other words Mr. Pugsley argued that the orders-in-council get the incompetent spy, and let the competent spy go scot free. However he did not indicate what he thought the Government ought to do. And that's just the difficulty.