

TO ELIMINATE BENEFITS FOR ALIEN ENEMIES

Enemy Capital in Number of Concerns in B.C., Especially Mining Properties

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VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 3.—Information relating to the operation of those companies in which capital of alien enemies is involved is being sought by the Dominion government which has been in communication with the provincial government to that end. What action the Ottawa authorities contemplate taking is not known here but within the past month considerable correspondence between the two governments has taken place and it is expected here that at the forthcoming session of the federal house some definite action toward segregating such properties so that alien enemies shall not benefit, will be taken.

It is no secret that in a number of concerns, chiefly mining, enemy capital is heavily invested, in fact in one coal mine on Vancouver Island the chief shareholders are Germans of title and chiefly Prussians.

This question will probably be one of a number which Premier Brewster will discuss with Sir Robert Borden while attending the conference to be held in Ottawa on the 10th instant. Premier Brewster will leave tomorrow night or Friday afternoon for the east. He will take advantage of his trip to take up with the federal cabinet a number of subjects of importance to British Columbia, notably the encouragement of the iron and steel industries as well as the whole mining industries with special reference to the protection of metals for the empire's war time needs, fisheries and perhaps the question of "better terms" will be revived.