

## ALIEN MINERS' PAY NOT TO BE CUT DOWN

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(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, June 5.—A deputation, representing the Trades and Labor Congress and the miners' unions in the Cobalt and Porcupine districts, waited upon the Minister of Justice this afternoon to protest against discrimination in regard to wages or status as individual miners being applied to the men of enemy nationality who are now working in the northern Ontario mines. Some seven or eight hundred of these men, who have either been released from the internment camps or are registered as aliens and under surveillance, are now working in the mines.

A proposal was made to the Government and to the operators recently that they be given only the internment camp rate of pay, namely, 25 cents per day, and that the balance between this amount and the standard of wages paid to miners be turned over to the Patriotic or Red Cross funds.

The Minister of Justice told the deputation that strict instructions had been given that these men, so long as they obeyed the laws of the country and refrained from any seditious talk or action, were to have all the rights of Canadian citizens, and would therefore be entitled to the full amount of the standard wage scale given to all miners. The Labor representatives expressed satisfaction with the reply given.

The deputation included: President J. C. Watters, Vice-President James Simpson and R. A. Rigg, M.P.P., of the Trades and Labor Congress;

Joseph Gorman and William Defue, representing the miners; Thomas Moore, representing the Carpenters' Union, and J. W. Bruce, representing the Plumbers and Steamfitters' Union.