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## PRESUMING ON KINDNESS.

It must be made clear that the seventy-four men arrested in Toronto for adversely discussing conscription were **alien enemies**, who abused the liberty allowed them by participating in the public discussion of Canada's Governmental affairs. British subjects by birth or naturalization were told that they were free to discuss any subject so long as they voiced no disloyal sentiments and avoided any expression derogatory to the cause of the Allies. **Alien enemies** present many problems, and they must not be allowed to further complicate the situation by abusing Canadian liberality. It has been charged that they have been used to reduce the wages of Canadian citizens, the possibility of arrest and internment hanging over them being used to prevent any complaint as to wages or working conditions. The readiness of the Ukrainians to participate in a political agitation shows that there cannot be much ground, so far as they are concerned, for the complaint that fear of internment makes them accept conditions which Canadian workmen would reject. It is essential to make it clear that **alien enemies** have no right to meddle in any way with the political affairs of the Dominion, and it is equally essential to give assurance that British subjects are free to discuss all political questions so long as they keep carefully within all the restrictions which the war imposes.

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