

# *Interned Alien's Wife Heaps Abuse Upon Benefactors*

**Gratitude Flew Out Back Door Because One Article Wanted Wasn't There**

Gratitude is not an inherent virtue of some Winnipeg citizens of alien enemy birth. Neither is truthfulness. The citizens in question are not men but women. Their husbands are in jail because they acted in a manner detrimental to the country. Before they went to prison they did not arrange for the daily wants of their families, did not tell their wives they were sorry their happy homes would be broken up, and did not kiss their children goodbye.

One man loved his wife so much that he left his bank-book in her possession. But he didn't love her enough to leave a few signed cheques with her. He drew the line there. That line led to the city's relief commission—and incidentally caused a lot of trouble.

Although the money in the bank was aching to be used the wife couldn't touch it. There were no cheques and hubby in jail was not in a signing mood. The family within a few weeks was in want.

The children's clothes wore out, their boots were out at the toes, and the family larder was empty. Women representatives of a local organization heard of the case. The family was visited. The children were clothed properly, good food was provided and fuel for the cook stove was placed at the back door.

When the city learned of the situation an inspector called to get a report. The wife wanted something else and blamed the woman who provided the clothes for overlooking the additional item.

According to the report submitted to the Social Welfare association at its Friday evening meeting, the wife heaped abuse upon the woman who had provided the children with clothing and the home with the necessities of life, because she had overlooked one item.

"She used strong language," the secretary declared. Further explanation elicited the fact that the woman was up near the head of the self-expression class, knew all the frills of the language she employed, and could equal a man any day. Gratitude had slipped out the door and showed no disposition to return.