

WOULD CONSCRIPT ALIEN ENEMIES

Mayor Church Takes Exception to Inaction of Union Government

Mayor Church said that the Union Government had not kept to their clause in their platform regarding the treatment of alien enemies. The memorandum issued Saturday by the Government showed that they could do nothing regarding alien enemies, and was a disappointment.

"Alien enemies can work in factories and get from \$4 to \$6 a day, while British subjects fight for \$1.10 a day at the front. The memorandum is a poor example of special pleading; they even quote The Hague convention and Holy Writ and international law. There is no international law or Hague convention, nor has there been since August 4, 1914. The memorandum will not commend itself to the wisdom and judgment of the country, and the Government are just making a football of the question," said his Worship.

"There should be some form of conscription on farms for alien enemies. The farmers are placed by the Union Government in a preferred and favored class, and do not have to go to war as they did in the days of Gen. Brock. The memorandum is a great disappointment. They can regulate alien enemies in other countries, but not in Canada. It looks as if the alien enemies in the West have more influence than the men in the trenches with the present Government. The Government is afraid of its own shadow in trying to deal with the question. After the war the large cities are going to be the dumping ground for a lot of these people, and the municipalities are going to take the matter in hand if the Government has fallen down."