

## Aliens in Industry

Any action that is taken to conscript the labor of aliens should be with a view to increase of productive work, not with any notion of punishing the aliens because they are aliens and have accepted the conditions in which they are placed. There is no justification for holding them up to public hatred. They came to Canada upon the invitation of the Government. We must not forget that until about twenty years ago the crying need of Canada was population. We mourned over the exodus to the United States; we dwelt upon the magnificent natural resources of the country, and were amazed that they should remain undeveloped for lack of labor. We went begging for immigrants in the United States, in Great Britain, and on the continent of Europe. Our alien population is the result of our own vigorous **immigration** campaign.

Furthermore, it is not long since advertisements appeared in the newspapers begging men to enter munition factories as a patriotic duty. In England professional men helped to make munitions, and their example was commended to Canadians. Patriotic women here engaged in the work. Foreigners were hired, not as a favor to them, but as a means of aiding our armies and those of our allies.

If any new regulations are made in regard to aliens they should be made in the same spirit and with the same purpose. We want to win the war, not to perpetuate any prejudice against any man because he is not of our race.