

## DEALING WITH ALIEN ENEMIES.

Sir:—Much well founded complaint has been made on the matter of alien activity in Canada; and how to deal with it is an important problem. On the one hand we wish to avoid injustice, on the other to prevent alien intrigue, and assistance to the enemy's cause, no matter in what shape. In a war of this magnitude and bitterness it is impossible to avoid doing injustice to some, no matter how innocent they may be.

Every alien at liberty should be closely watched, and on the slightest sign of his activity or intrigue against us, he or she should be examined, and interned at once.

Germany has no scruples in handling her alien enemies. The United States is carrying on an active campaign against those within its borders who make any suspicious move to express sympathy convey information or to aid and abet the enemy's cause.

Perhaps the Southern plan of dealing with alien enemies is the most effective. The men of Florida and the Carolinas are quick with the pistol. Travelling with a much respected judge last April, in Northwestern Florida, he told me that in his comparatively small circuit, he had to deal with seventy-five cases of homicide in five years, mostly shooting cases.

Later I was talking with a loyal and responsible resident of that region, and asked him how they dealt with active alien enemies. "Oh that is simple" he said. "One of our committee, a quick shot, well armed, visits the locality where the suspect resides, and meeting him, starts an argument on the war." "Well, what do you do if he talks for the enemy?" "We pay for his funeral—that is all."

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