

ALIEN ENEMIES IN CANADA.

Sir:—Can you explain this riddle? At present alien enemies are granted permits, and have to report to the police at stated intervals. In the meantime they are free to work and go around like any other Canadian citizens. At the present time Austrian aliens, employed in the coal mines, making big money, go on strike, and they are negotiated with in order to bring about a settlement. In Ottawa a quiet-going, peace loving citizen British by birth and Canadian by choice, who has a "conscientious objection" to fighting (an attitude with which I have no sympathy), but who could be trusted not to attempt to subvert the interests of the Empire in any other way, gets 10 years in the penitentiary. Query:—Why should the alien enemy be allowed these privileges?

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