

ENEMY PROPERTY IN CANADA IN SEIZURE

Government Issues a Statement Declaring Its Activity—No Specific Instances.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A long statement has been issued by the Government reviewing its activities in enforcing the various regulations respecting enemy property and enemy business dealings in Canada.

It is pointed out that since the consolidated orders respecting trading with the enemy were passed, the Department of the Secretary of State has made numerous investigations, enquiring into every case of alien enemy property or dealings which has been brought to its attention. In many instances accountants have been engaged to investigate and submit reports and among the list of firms whose businesses were thus investigated are the different companies in which Alvo von Alvensleben, of Vancouver, was interested.

In addition, the Finance Department has been engaged in carrying out the provisions of the orders, in collecting moneys, registering enemy properties in Canada, and claims of debts due by persons in enemy countries to Canadians, and vice versa. These claims are now being dealt with by the Enemy Debts Committee.

Information as to enemy properties and dealings have been obtained from many sources, censored letters, police reports, complaints, etc. by individuals.

The statement, however, refrains from giving any specific instances of property seized, wherein it differs from proceedings in the United States.