

APPEAL FROM UKRAINIANS

Local Community Asks Recognition As Allies and Not As Aliens.

"A British square deal and opportunity to live and work as friends and fellow-Canadians," is the request in an open letter from the Ukrainian Presbyterian Community in Toronto to the G.W.V.A.

The Ukrainians protest against their classification as alien enemies, claiming that 3,000,000 of their nation fought in the Russian army, and that they are the allies to the entente equally with the Czechoslovaks and Jugo-Slavs of the former Austrian Empire. Ukrainian territory, they point out, was the first to suffer devastation by the Germans and Hungarians.

In Canada, despite the refusal of the Government to enlist Ukrainians, 40,000 of them succeeded in joining the army. Those who remained at work worked in factories, mines and farms. One-seventh of all Canadian grain in the Prairie Provinces was produced by Canadian-Ukrainian farmers. The letter claims that the Ukrainians deserve the title of "allies" rather than that of "aliens."