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## ALIEN ENEMIES AND WESTERN FEDERATION DELEGATES.

Interviewed by the Toronto World last week the manager of a Porcupine gold mining company stated that inefficiency of labor at the mines has become a great problem. Many of the employees are doing very little work. They are, however, demanding higher wages. He states that alien enemies and walking delegates of the Western Federation of Miners are the chief causes of inefficiency.

The alien enemy problem is a serious one. Mine managers have in their employ many who do not deserve such considerate treatment as they are getting. Those who do a good day's work and who behave themselves properly should not have their liberties restricted unduly and should be given opportunity to earn good wages. On the other hand, it seems necessary to consider whether alien enemies who make themselves objectionable should not be taken in hand by the authorities. Loyal citizens in Northern Ontario are not likely to allow alien enemies in their midst to go much further than they have done already. It would be well, however, if our Government would take steps to curb the undesirables.

Should there not be provision made that alien enemies who are unwilling to do a full day's work in the mines may find themselves under military guard doing much more disagreeable work clearing the farms of Northern Ontario? Would it not be well also to provide that for the work of such undesirables the remuneration will not be unduly high?

While the Western Federation delegates are apparently taking advantage of the presence of alien enemies in Northern Ontario to foment trouble, it is not to be concluded that all Western Federation delegates are aliens, though many of them are. The Western Federation of Miners is an American organization with a record that stinks to heaven; but we have no reason to regard it as an enemy organization. Some of its officers are believed to be responsible for crimes worthy of Von Bissing; but among the members are desirable citizens. It is unfortunate for Northern Ontario that the miners have not banded themselves together without affiliating themselves with the Western Federation; but they have done so and therefore made it impossible for the mine managers to recognize their organization, for no manager in his proper senses will submit to the dictates of this alien federation.

There are few mining men who do not believe that miners should form organizations to treat with their employers and to further their interests in various ways. Every man who has his labor to market should strive to get as much as he can for it, and he is more likely to succeed if he unites with his fellow workers