

## THE GERMANS IN CANADA.

“The German jingoists and the German militarists are to blame for this war. . . . The German Government and militarism are doomed never to rise again after this war.” These quotations are from a speech delivered in Berlin, Ontario, by Professor Reithdorf, of Woodstock College, who is a native of Germany but now a Canadian citizen. Professor Riethdorf has been doing excellent work in promoting harmony between Canadians of German birth and other Canadians. He takes the stand that Germans settling in Canada ought to be Canadians and not secret or avowed enemies of Canada. In his speech to the Germany colony at Berlin he said:

For Germans in Canada there is no middle road. They cannot be neutral in this war because the land of their adoption is involved. Canada must have her whole-hearted support. Canada is now my fatherland. Of course, I retain a love for my native land; I would be a scoundrel if I didn't, but I am opposed to militarism. There have been many people who have been pro-German in their sympathies, but I am pleased to know that I have been instrumental in removing doubts.

Utterances of this kind should dispose the people of British and of German birth to harmony. Germans who show themselves tainted with Kaiserism and who talk disloyalty of the country and Empire of their adoption cannot expect much sympathy or consideration from their fellow-citizens. But those who, like Professor Riethdorf, realize that their first duty is to the country where they have found freedom, home, and work, and not to the Kaiser and his conspirators, will have their place, like other Canadians, in the national life.