

MANY GERMAN FAILURES

War Severely Felt By Alien Enemy In British Columbia.

Vancouver, B.C., June 5.—Many German companies, some of which have for years operated in British Columbia, are going out of business after making huge losses. One of the Alvensleben concerns, which had two years ago paid \$800,000 in cash on a timber deal, which in all was to amount to two and a half millions, has gone out of business, and defaulted in payments so that the lands will revert to the original Canadian owners.

To-day the Hardy Bay Lands Company, another Alvensleben concern, was wound up. Serious complaint that it had defrauded the public was made. It sold lands at Hardy Bay, on Vancouver Island, at thirty dollars an acre, which were purchased from the Government at five dollars, and even this was never paid, so that many purchasers from the company are now unable to get title. Alvo von Alvensleben, who is now in Seattle, is a German baron. He is credited with having in his pocket an appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of British Columbia—If, and when the Germans lick the British. In Vancouver the belief is that Alvensleben has a rather long residence in Seattle ahead of him.