

## GERMAN NAMES

A suggestion put forward by The Mail and Empire that loyal Canadians of German origin might do well to change their German names to those bearing no trace of Germanism has been followed by at least one citizen of York Township, who will in future be known as Peter Kaye.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

This practice is being adopted in Great Britain to a large extent, as lists of changes being published in the newspapers there indicate. The Journal understands that some in the Edmonton district are following suit. It avoids embarrassment under some conditions, but there are those whose British sympathies are not open to question, who would find such a course very repugnant to them.

No one with any family pride likes to give up the name by which he and his forefathers

have been known. If we are reasonable beings, we shall judge a man by what he does, not by what name he bears.

The other day Charles M. Schwab gave a signal demonstration of his loyalty to the cause of the Allies by refusing an enormous sum for the controlling interest in the Bethlehem Steel company offered him by German interests. According to the New York Times it was at least a hundred million dollars, away beyond its value. That should count for more than his German name. Or take the case of Mr. Ford Madox Hueffer. Of all who have written in regard to the issues of the war, none have offered a stronger indictment of German methods. But it is safe to say no one would get Mr. Hueffer to change his name.

What about Mr. Weichel, the member for North Waterloo in the Canadian House of Commons? His speech at the war session last summer will not soon be forgotten. Or Sir Adam Beck, as active and loyal a servant as the Crown has in Canada? Or Hon. James Beck, the New York lawyer, who has rendered such signal service in crystallizing American opinion against the Kaiser?

Unless we curb some of the present foolishness we shall soon be on a par with the people of Turin, who refused to use their gas plant after the Napoleonic wars because gas was a French invention.