

# ONLY ONE SENTIMENT AMONG GERMAN SETTLERS IN CANADA

## Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Tells Britain They Are Pro- Empire

### SIMILAR ATTITUDE IN UNITED STATES

#### Pro-German Sympathizers Are Mostly Lager-beer Saloon Element.

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London, June 19.—In to-day's  
Daily Mail Mr. Frederick William  
Wile gives the following report of  
an interview with Sir Thomas  
Shaughnessy:

"Canada is prepared to make every  
effort and sacrifice in her power to  
go through with the task which the  
Empire has taken in hand, no mat-  
ter what the cost!"

In these words Sir Thomas  
Shaughnessy, president of the Cana-  
dian Pacific Railway, who has just  
come to England, discussed with me  
yesterday the Dominion's share and  
spirit in the Great War. Sir Thomas  
was summoned to consult with the  
War Office with regard to the supply  
and transport of certain sinews of  
war apart from munitions. He lays  
great stress on making clear that  
his mission is in no respect connect-  
ed with shell. The shell and explo-  
sives question in Canada is in well-  
organized special hands.

#### Canada's Wheat Crop.

He prophesies a "bumper" crop in  
Western Canada. "I suppose," he  
said, "50,000 or 60,000 men are un-  
der arms and drilling at home. More  
can and will be sent if necessary. But  
Canada has war duties to the Old  
Country every whit as vital as the  
furnishing of soldiers. I refer to the  
wheat and flour which she must get  
from us. I can happily hold out the  
most cheering prospects in this di-  
rection. Our Western Provinces are  
now growing and will yield—unfore-  
seen contingencies barred—the most  
gigantic wheat crop ever harvested  
there. It will be close on 230,000,000  
bushels. The largest we have ever  
reaped hitherto was 180,000,000.

#### Will See Britain Fed.

"Now, we need men to take in that  
crop. And the men who do the work  
are doing their bit for the Allies'  
cause, we feel, just as effectively as  
if they were making ready for Flan-  
ders on Salisbury Plain, or actually  
turning their breasts to the common  
foe round Ypres. We must be care-  
ful not to sap dry the Canadian agri-  
cultural labor market. Great Brit-  
ain must be fed, and we mean to see  
that she is."

"What about the war spirit gener-  
ally in the Dominion?" I asked  
Sir Thomas.

"It is enthusiastic and determined  
in the highest degree. I would al-  
most say it is even a keener spirit  
than exists in England. Canada is  
under no delusions as to the mean-  
ing of the war for her, remote as  
she is from the scene of combat.  
She knows the fate of the Empire  
is at stake. She ardently desires  
to do her part—and more—in de-  
ciding the issue. Canadians have no

doubt whatever of the victorious  
outcome. I think we realize per-  
haps more thoroughly than those of  
you nearer the fray that it is a stu-  
pendous struggle which will call for  
still greater endeavour and sacrifice  
than any yet made. But we for our  
part mean to see it through. What  
it costs to see it through is entirely  
a secondary consideration. The job's  
got to be done.

#### "Everybody's for the War."

"There are no politics in Canada  
about the war. Everybody's for the  
war, and, from the Premier down,  
is united in the one desire to prose-  
cute it efficiently and incessantly till  
the end is achieved. There is no  
more criticism of the Government  
or the people officially charged with  
preparing Canada's share in the  
war. There has been some criticism  
on minor questions of the quality  
of and system of purchasing mat-  
erials, but even that has stopped.  
I think it ought to stop everywhere  
in the Empire. I think speech-mak-  
ing ought to stop. There has been  
enough of that, too. The thing now  
is action, not talk. United deeds,  
not indiscriminate speechifying, are  
the need of the hour and the only  
need. Anything else is wasted ef-  
fort, and squandered energy in this  
crisis of the Empire is treasonable."

#### The Provision of Shell.

"Can Canada do anything for Mr.  
Lloyd George's department?"

"Canada can do much, and has  
already done it," replied Sir Thomas.  
"To-day there is hardly an import-  
ant industrial establishment in the  
Dominion—and we have many great  
works—that is not turning out mun-  
itions of one sort or another. Our  
railway shops, steel and iron mills,  
agricultural implement manufactur-  
ies, machinery works, and a host of  
other branches are now all provided  
with the plant necessary for the pro-  
duction of the sinews of war. Em-  
ployers and men have adapted them-  
selves to their new line with a will.  
They are working hard and effectually.  
They will be able to make  
their participation in the Empire's  
production of munitions felt in in-  
creasing degree as time goes on."

#### The Germans in Canada.

"Our German papers tell us, Sir  
Thomas, that German settlers in  
Canada make no bones of their pro-  
German sympathies."

"Well," he said, "the best answer  
to that fiction is that many of these  
German settlers, now good Cana-  
dians, are fighting in the Canadian  
Contingent, or drilling with that  
part of it which has not yet left  
home. There is only one sentiment  
among the German settlers in Can-  
ada. They are pro-Empire. Almost  
every mother's son of them left Ger-  
many as a protest against the very  
things the Allies are determined to  
stamp out—militarism and political  
slavery. They say that the Allies  
are doing exactly what the German  
people themselves in a very few  
years would have had to do. So  
they are fighting both with the Al-  
lies and for their own kith and kin.  
There is no seditious German-Can-  
adian agitation going on. Canada's  
Germans have always been welcomed  
by us and have made good citizens  
of the Empire, as they are now prov-  
ing. In the United States, too, the  
majority of the better class of Ger-  
man-Americans are in sympathy  
with the Allies. The strong pro-  
German sentiment is confined large-  
ly to the lager-beer saloon element."