

VILLAGE PASTOR WAS ACCUSED OF TALKING SEDITION

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Guelph, Aug. 20.—Rev. Frederick Hedden, who has for four years been the pastor of the Disciples Church of Christ at Erin village, was arrested on Friday evening on a charge of having uttered seditious language, and was brought to this city.

The information was laid by Daniel Grey, a farmer, who charged that Hedden, in speaking to him with reference to the German occupation of Belgium, said that the British during the South African campaign had perpetrated atrocities as bad as the Germans were committing in Belgium. The date on which the accused is alleged to have made this statement was a little more than a month after the war started. Ever since that time the feeling against Hedden has grown stronger, especially among those families where there are sons and brothers serving at the front, until the time has come when if some action is not taken by the authorities serious trouble may be the outcome.

After a two hour conference between Crown Attorney Macdonald, Inspector Reynolds, representing the Dominion police, and Mr. Nicol Jeffrey, representing the accused, an amicable agreement was arrived at, whereby Hedden is to leave Canada for the United States, where he was born, in the meantime.