

# **SAYS GERMAN BOSSES THREATENED RECRUITS**

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*Edmonton Journal Charges Sifton Government in Alberta  
With Putting German and German Americans  
in Responsible Positions*

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The Edmonton Journal publishes the following:

Because they have been given to understand that if they go to war and succeed in getting through the conflict unscathed that their jobs will be filled by Germans and German-Americans, the young men of Belevedere, a town sixty miles northwest of Edmonton who have not already enlisted refuse to join the colors.

This was the situation that confronted Sergeant Emslie of the 63rd Battalion, who has returned from Belevedere after two weeks' leave absence. Sergeant Emslie gave up recruiting as a bad job for this reason and is returning to Sarcee camp, where the regiment is now stationed.

#### GOVERNMENT IS BLAMED.

"No amount of argument can convince them that their positions will be open for them on their return," said Sergeant Emslie Tuesday night. "I have approached every young man in the town who is engaged in Provincial Government work of any kind, and they all tell me the same story, that the men under whom they work have assured them that if they go to war on the side of the Allies that they need not expect to get their jobs back with the Provincial Government. In some cases more dire things are promised.

"Until a few weeks ago Belevedere was turning out more men for the battalion being formed in Edmonton than any district of similar size in the northern part of the Province. To-day not one recruit can be secured up there.

#### RECRUITING STOPPED.

"The reason is not far to seek; the Provincial Government has placed Germans and German-Americans in complete charge of the roads. The road inspector is a German-American, the foreman a German and the two road bosses German-American and German respectively, all considered good vote-getters from the viewpoint of Provincial officials, and able to hold their jobs through this

circumstance. One of these men is openly seditious and has frequently threatened to 'get' any man in his employ who joins the Allies.

### LIVED THERE TEN YEARS.

"My father and I have lived at Belvedere ten years, paying our taxes regularly," says Sergeant Emslie, "but in that ten years we have not had five cents' worth of improvement to the roads. Yet there is a road boss who rides around in his touring car, and a first-class road leads to his quarter section. This is the man who is most feared by the young men, who will not join the Allies because they are assured Germans and German-Americans will get their jobs."