

# URGES DISMISSAL OF ALIEN EMPLOYEES

## Alderman McBride Lays Case of Dr. Kohlman Before Board of Control

### A GERMAN RESERVIST

## Commissioner Harris to Pro- vide List of All Aliens Employed

Alderman McBride urged the Board of Control to-day to summarily dismiss Dr. E. E. Kohlman from the services of the city.

Controller Church took the same stand, and urged that Commissioner Harris be instructed to discharge all Germans who are not naturalized.

"This is no time," said Alderman McBride, "for the city to employ Germans. Especially a man who is not naturalized. This man is not naturalized; he has only been here two years and has sent his wife back to Germany. And there are thousands of unemployed Canadians in the city. I imagine a Canadian getting a position in Germany now."

### Wants Reports on Aliens.

The Alderman urged the Board of Control to secure reports from all the city officials stating how many Austrians and Germans they have on their employ and instruct them to discharge all such men. He pointed out that we paid men to guard our buildings and then kept Germans right in the building.

"I agree with you entirely," said Controller McCarthy. He added that the Board of Control was considering the matter, but he did not believe there was any necessity for taking the action suggested by Alderman McBride and supported by Controller Church.

"Are you satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of the Dominion Government and the military authorities, or do you wish us to act?" asked Mr. McCarthy.

Alderman McBride thought the city should act at once. He could not see how Ottawa or the military authorities could be affected by dispensing with the services of aliens, whose countries are at war with England.

### Might Not Work Well.

Controller McCarthy thought it most unwise. He did not believe the city should interfere. He spoke of the close relations between Ottawa and the city, and expressed the fear that they might not work so well together if the city took the step suggested.

It was finally decided to ask the

civic heads to report on the number of aliens in the city's employ.

### Guards at Reservoir.

Controller Church stated that there had been no guard at the Reservoir for the past ten days.

Commissioner Harris took issue with the statement of Mr. Church. He said that guards had been on duty there 24 hours a day since war broke out. Controller O'Neill believed the Commissioner should be commended because the guards could not be seen.

"There are now 150 guards employed in protecting Toronto's waterworks. Dr. Kohlman has been with us since a year last June, is a graduate of Herdberg, is married to a Russian lady. She has been there since early in the summer. He is a German reservist. He was paroled and is practically under control of the police," said Mr. Harris.

The fact that he is a reservist and would have been fighting if he could have got out of the country was, in Alderman McBride's opinion, another reason for getting a British subject in his place.

### Consulted the Police.

Commissioner Harris said that he had acted in the matter only after consultation with the police authorities. The Commissioner said he had seen Alderman McBride about the matter six weeks ago. Mr. McBride said he had never heard of the Kohlman case until yesterday.

"While the war is on there should be no alien enemies of the King on the pay roll," said Controller Church. He urged it as a matter of policy, which the city should adopt. He moved a resolution to that effect.

Controller O'Neill thought that was going too far. Controller McCarthy said it was impossible for the Commissioner to tell all that had been going on. He evidently knew a whole lot of things that had already been done for the defence of the city, but he declined to tell the public.

The motion was carried.