

THREE GERMAN PROFESSORS BONE OF CONTENTION

Toronto University Has a Knotty Problem Which the Premier Must Settle

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TORONTO, Dec. 3.—A difficulty is likely to arise in connection with the proposal of President Falconer, of the University of Toronto, to transfer three German professors to United States universities. The Toronto police authorities claim that this would be a breach of the military act, which act forbids assistance to alien enemies to leave the country without special permit, which so far have been refused to German citizens. They stated that the university president would render himself liable to arrest should any such action be taken.

Public concern in the action in the board of governors of the University of Toronto in granting the three German professors on the faculty leave of absence with pay, continues unabated. It has become a leading topic of conversation.

The centre of attention seems to be moving from the board of governors to the provincial government. It is understood that Premier Hearst has already been in receipt of some strong communications of protest of the unusually influential circles and petitions of protest against the payment of any public money to the professors in question while they are "on leave" are in course of preparation. The premier stated, when asked concerning the protests he has received that he was not ready to discuss them, nor would he comment on the petitions beyond the brief assurance "none of them has reached me yet."

Last year the board of governors secured an additional vote of \$30,000 from the legislature. This year they are seeking some \$70,000. As the government has control, of course expenditures from the endowment fund, this need would appear to furnish the legislature with cause to question, should it so desire, any expenditure submitted by the board.