

TREASON CHARGE AT WINNIPEG WITHDRAWN

**Will be Interned at Brandon Un-
til February 15th.**

Winnipeg, Jan. 11. — By arrange-
ment between council a settlement
satisfactory to the accused has been
made in the case of Otto Geiler, who
was charged with treason.

Counsel for the accused made ap-
plication for a writ of habeas corpus,
and the same was granted. Under
military guard Geiler was brought
before Mr. Justice Metcalfe Saturday.
Edward Anderson, representing the
military authorities and the minister
of justice, read the following letter
to the court which explains the agree-
ment:

“In this matter if your client Gei-
ler, will submit to be interned as a
prisoner of war until February 15th,
I will agree, on behalf of the military
authorities of District No. 10 and the

minister of justice, that Geiler will then be released, and that his liberty will not be further interfered with as to any past alleged treasonable offences for which the said Geiler is now detained. The authorities will expect the said Geiler to report to them from time to time as he may be called upon. The return to the writ (of habeas corpus) is to be adjourned until February 15, on which date if Geiler is not given his liberty you are free to move for the same under the writ. (Signed) Edward Anderson. P. S.—Consent to the foregoing is not to be taken as an admission of guilt by your client."

On behalf of his client Mr. Elliott said he accepted the proposal in the letter. No consideration of guilt had influenced the acceptance. But the preparation of the defence would have cost Geiler more than he could afford; he would in all probability have had to stay in jail until the trial; and finally, even though innocent of the charge, he desired to save

his family the anxiety the suspense
would entail.