

ANTI-BRITISH GERMAN GIVEN OFFICE BY CROSS

Great Indignation in Calgary Over Appointment of Charles Pohl

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CALGARY, Alberta, May 10.—There is a great deal of indignation here over the action of Attorney General Cross in recently appointing Charles Pohl, a well known German resident of Calgary, a commissioner for affidavits and oaths. Pohl was formerly the editor of a German Liberal paper at Calgary and has always been an active partisan of that party. Since the outbreak of the war he has several times been heard to speak disparagingly of Britain and her allies and to boast of German prowess. Some time ago this got him into a flat argument with Barney Collison, a well known local barrister, in which the Teuton came off decidedly second best. The following comment from the Calgary Herald shows how Pohl's appointment is viewed in this city:

Editorial Opinion

"It is somewhat of an anomaly to see the provincial government giving Germans of an avowedly anti-British type appointments under the crown at the present time when a state of war exists.

"The last issue of the Alberta Gazette contains the announcement that Charles Pohl is appointed to be a commissioner for taking affidavits. This is the same Charles Pohl, an undisguised German, who got a sound drubbing a short time ago from a Calgary lawyer for making insolent remarks about the British empire and King George. This is an interesting commentary on the methods adopted by the Bifton cabinet in making appointments under the crown in this province.

Government Too Lax

"There is a tendency on the part of the government to be much too lax with regard to the Germans in this province, both naturalized and otherwise, and in view of the revelations of the past few months of what their brothers in the fatherland are capable, it is not too much to say that no German should be given any undue indulgence; but to see the government giving appointments under the crown to men whose delight at the success of our enemy is undisguised, is trifling with the feelings of patriotic Canadians to a dangerous limit.

"It may be that Premier Bifton is not aware of Mr. Pohl's pro-German tendencies, though on the other hand there is just a suspicion that this appointment is made for political reasons.

"However that may be, it should be cancelled without delay."