

# SAY HYDRO IS STILL EMPLOYING GERMANS

## Members of County Orange Association Repeat 'Serious Charges

### COMPLAIN TO MAYOR

## Allege That British Subjects Are Being Discriminated Against

Mayor Church was in receipt of another letter from certain members of the County Orange Association, protesting against the alleged employment of Germans or German sympathizers, by the Toronto Hydro Electric System. The first letter was written early in April, and was replied to by Mr. E. M. Ashworth, secretary of the commission, in which a denial of the charges was given. To-day's letter to his Worship reads:

#### No Faith in Hydro.

"Adverting to E. M. Ashworth's letter to Captain Crawford, dated 16th April, A.D.; 1915, we desire to reiterate what was said in our previous correspondence—and in the light of recent events, we might say that because of the inconsistencies in that letter and the facts as they really are we have entirely lost faith in the Toronto Hydro Commission.

"It is stated in that letter 'it is quite contrary to their policy to employ aliens or discriminate against Canadian citizens.'

"You know, sir, or should know, that British subjects have been discharged by the Hydro Commission, and the German sympathizers and aliens have been kept in the employ. It is common knowledge that one Jodick was employed when we interviewed you and also Ashworth wrote us on April the 16th, and this man was kept in the employ regardless of our protests and was only discharged because of his very irrational and damning utterances regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and the destruction of hundreds of lives by the German Huns. Is it any wonder that the citizens of this city have lost faith in the local Hydro Commission, except as to yourself in whom we have every confidence.

#### Sweeping Changes.

"We demand that not only shall the manager and all persons who are responsible for employing Germans be discharged, but that the Local Hydro Commission be immediately changed, and men who are known to be loyal subjects, and loyal subjects only, be members of this commission.

"We are very sorry indeed that it is necessary for us to make such demands, but at such a time and in such a city, is it fair, honorable or just, that we are shackled to a body of men, who apparently care nothing for British subjects, so long as Germans may or can be secured to do the work. This is an everlasting disgrace and one which, if we can in any way stop it, shall no longer be permitted to be continued in the City of Toronto.

"You might also have your Mr. Ashworth advise us, whether or not Geo. Jodick is now in the employ of the Hydro? If he resigned or was discharged and the reasons for such?

"We, in previous correspondence, brought to your attention the fact that C. E. Schwenger, himself of German extraction, discriminated against British subjects and loyal citizens and kept Germans or German sympathizers in his department. We have no desire to state anything further, except to say that by recent events, our statements have been proven, and that this man should be discharged from your service immediately.

Yours truly,

(Signed):—W. J. Saunderson, John Winnett, Wm. Crawford, G. W. Bush, Wes. Benson, W. R. Martin, A. A. Gray, C. A. B. Jennings, W. H. Harper, Thomas W. Self.

Ald. McBride is also in receipt of several letters of a like nature. One states that a German is given the work of repairing all the mail carts connected with the post office, and that there is a German police-officer on the police force.