

# AN UNWORTHY APPEAL

A Miserable Attempt to Discredit  
Mr. Gerald White in the Eyes  
of Naturalized German  
Citizens

The other day Mr. Gerald White, the sitting member, was renominated by the Conservative Association of North Renfrew. "The riding," says a press despatch, "is tolerably safe for Mr. White but the Liberals have selected a strong candidate and hope to return him with the aid of the German vote, which amounts to 30 per cent. of the total vote, on the ground that the Borden Administration has been all for England and all against Germany in the present war." There must be many English-speaking Liberals in the constituency who will resent a pro-German campaign of that sort; and in all likelihood many of the Germans themselves will resent it. Some years ago, speaking before the Germans of his former Waterloo riding, "Billy" King attacked Sir Robert Borden's naval policy because, as he put it, "the ships might actually be used against Germany"; but the German rank and file denounced that appeal to their prejudices and "Billy" transferred his presence and energies to North York, from which he has since gone to the United States.

The German element in Canada is a highly valuable one in every respect. After the American Revolution thousands of German soldiers who had fought on the British side came to Canada and did much to subdue the wilderness in those early times. At a later day colonies came direct from Germany and settled in the newer regions of Ontario. Many of their descendants are now with the Canadian forces at the front. It is nothing short of a crime to seek to influence these people against the Government simply because it is doing its duty by England and the British Empire. Unhappily the Liberal leaders have for years believed in appealing to racial and religious prejudices as a means of obtaining votes. George Brown became a power in Upper Canada through arousing Protestant sentiment against the French-Canadian people, their religion, language and laws; and Sir Wilfrid was in his element during the Manitoba Separate School controversy, when he said one thing in Quebec and another and very different thing in the English provinces. Let us hope the North Renfrew Germans will repulse the tempter and show themselves loyal British subjects.—Exchange.