

GERMAN-AMERICAN LOSES CITY CONTRACT

Conrad Worms Was Born in Germany — Controllers Turn Him Down.

Conrad Worms, president of the Canadian Custodis Company, was born in Germany. Therefore, his firm cannot get the city of Toronto's contract for building an incinerator chimney. The question of Mr. Worms' nationality was raised in Council, and the Board of Control was told to trace his origin. Mr. William Greeley, the company's representative, came to the controllers to-day and frankly stated that Mr. Worms was born in Germany, but had applied for naturalization in the United States. The Canadian Custodis Company is owned across the line.

"That does not help," said Controller Foster, "in this case."

"Toronto has sent thousands of men over to Europe to fight the Germans," said Controller Thompson. "Some of them died in action. We are sending thousands more. We cannot at the same time give city work to German-controlled firms."

"And some American citizens of German origin have done all they could to hurt the allies' cause," said Controller Spence.

Mr. Greeley said that he had been long enough in Canada to begin to see the viewpoint of Canadians, though he had some hard feelings at first. Then he cited the amount of work on munitions for the allies done by his firm.

"And your firm would have done just as much for the Germans if they could have taken your goods out," said Controller Spence.

Mr. Greeley took the turndown in good humor, and the controllers then decided to let the Kellogg Company go ahead with the foundation work, and fresh tenders will be asked for the chimney column.