

NO MORE GERMAN SONGS IN SCHOOLS

Chief Inspector Cowley Issues Strict Instructions to Principals

"Please take the necessary steps to see that there shall not be taken up in any class of your school any selection from the Music Reader that might suggest offence to the proper patriotic spirit of the pupils.

"The Music Reader contains at least some selections that should never be sung in a British school, and whatever may have been the opinion as to their general merit at the time they were introduced, they cannot be regarded as a medium fit to develop the high moral and patriotic ideals of British citizenship."

A circular containing the above instructions was sent to the principals of the various public schools in Toronto yesterday by Chief Inspector Cowley. Among the selections which the Inspector considers "should never be sung in a British school" is that entitled "The Fatherland," a song of decided German inspiration, although the words "German" or "Germany" are not found in it.