

BOHEMIANS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ALLIES

*Few Families in Toronto, But Two of These Have Men-
Folk at the Front, Pressed Into Service by Austrians
Hope For Allied Victory*

The Bohemians—the Slavonic pro-ally race under the rule of Austria—are represented by no more than about ten families in Toronto, although there are many in Winnipeg and west of that city, while there are also large communities in the United States, Chicago being the headquarters of the Bohemian Na-

lional Alliance, an organization formed for the purpose of delivering the Czechs from Austrian bondage. Toronto has never been greatly favored by Bohemian immigrants in Canada, and that those that are domiciled here remained here because they had not the wherewithal to take them farther. Why this should be it is not known, although it is suggested that the first Bohemian immigrants formed colonies in the West, and others who came along naturally wished to go to places where they would find their countrymen.

The few Bohemians who do reside in Toronto, and the number is never estimated as more than about forty men, women and children, live on Royce avenue or Niagara street. There are two families, one living a few yards outside the northwestern city limits, the male members of which have been pressed into service with the Austrians. The women folk get along as well as they can, being assisted by the other members of their race. The other Bohemians are mostly engaged as laborers.

Dr. Adalia, Russian and Polish interpreter in the Police Court, states that small though the number of Bohemians is in Toronto, their pro-Ally feelings are none the less outspoken. They are heart and soul with the Allies and very eager to see the Austrians defeated and Bohemia freed from their yoke.

Detective Murray, who is in charge of the office of the Registrar of Alien Enemies, states that very few Bohemians have applied to him for registration. They have been tabulated with the Austrians. He understood that the Bohemians were favorable to the cause of the Allies.