

# U-BOAT COMMANDERS GET NO NEWS OFF COAST

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 23.—Major-General Lessard, officer commanding this military district, says he doesn't believe the U-boats are securing any appreciable amount of information as to conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

"We would be happy," he said, "to intern all the aliens in these provinces if we were given the authority, but let us suppose an alien is working on the waterfront. He has small chance in the first place of securing vital information. In the second place, after securing it, how is he to transmit it. We have charge of all the telegrams, cables and wireless stations and nothing goes through without being censored. If information is going out it is from men 'higher up,' men with whom we rub shoulders every day of our lives and who are above suspicion.

"The British are securing all the information they desire from Germany. We know the type of submarines they are turning out there, and many of their military secrets, but how are we getting the information. From Britishers living in Germany? Not a bit of it. We are getting it from the traitors to the German cause. From the men higher up, and they are being paid well for the information they give us."

Major-General Lessard said that suspicious characters in Nova Scotia had been kept under close watch, but that no evidence of any kind had been secured thus far to connect them with the stories that had been circulated to the effect that they were transmitting military information to the enemy.