

SHORT TALKS WITH WESTERN EDITORS

Lethbridge Herald: It is cheering to find our new soldiers from other lands loyally behind Canada in the present crisis. In districts inhabited largely by men and women who have come across the line we find the sentiment strongly in favor of Canada's part in the war. These people appreciate our system of government and the freedom and liberty they possess under our flag, and they realize that these possessions are due to the generous treatment of Great Britain, in becoming citizens of Canada, they not only assume the right to vote, but they have assumed all the responsibilities of citizenship, and they are prepared to do their part in making sacrifices to help the Dominion in the present struggle. Naturally, they are a peace-loving people, preferring that the world should proceed upon its course without any wars whatever, but when it is explained to them that Canada is a part of the British empire, and that when one part of that empire is at war the rest of the empire is at war, and that we would be in danger from attack from the enemy if the enemy could reach us, they do not hesitate to realize and assume responsibilities of empire citizenship.

No one needs to be concerned about the loyalty of our new citizen. It is not loyalty evidenced by loud talking and flag-waving. It is a loyalty inspired by appreciation of British institutions and a realization of the responsibilities of citizenship.

Winnipeg Saturday Post: It strikes one as rather amusing that newspapers that openly advocate the exclusion of American publications from the mails of Canada merely because they quote German editorials, should at the same time publish in their own columns reproductions of German articles, quite as antagonistic to the cause of the Allies as anything to which they object when reproduced in the United States. Personally, I cannot see why any British subject should not have a natural curiosity to learn what the Germans are saying about us. I therefore read with the greatest interest every Germany argument that the hired professors "made in Germany" turn out, and that I find available. To my mind, the brand of loyalty that cannot withstand the paltry arguments—almost always ridiculous—that are being advanced in the German interests is the kind that might properly be regarded as open to question. Who can imagine a real patriotic British subject being influenced by the sophistries of these German advocates? And even supposing that there are Canadians who can be influenced by such rubbish, in what regard can the publication of their articles be regarded as more offensive in an American newspaper than in the columns of Canadian newspapers? Yet Canadian publications that display their peculiar brand of loyalty by going to the lengths of denouncing sausages, republish these pro-German articles with the utmost freedom. Remember, I am not criticizing such re-publications. In fact, I find it most interesting. I do, however, despise and condemn the hypocrisy that denounces in others the very practices that those guilty of the denunciation themselves carry on.