

APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY

The Tribune is in receipt of a letter in which appeal is made to employers and others to deal fairly and considerately with citizens who come from the countries now at war with the Empire. Complaint is made that Germans have been dismissed in stores, factories, offices, etc., and "are being sneered at by their fellow employees." Our correspondent cites the fact that there are 12,000 German speaking residents in Winnipeg. If there were only half a dozen Germans here, Canadians owe it to themselves and their flag to treat all loyal citizens, of whatever nationality, with the greatest courtesy and consideration. We have said before and we say again that the situation is uncomfortable enough for Canadian citizens who acknowledge Germany or Austria as their fatherland, without taunts or actions of any unfriendly character whatsoever from Canadian or British born citizens. Many of the German or Austrian citizens who have come among us to make new homes, doubtless, like Scotsmen or Englishmen, have left many friends and relatives in the old lands. We must expect that they will have natural feelings; they have had no part in making the war. In Germany and Austria the people have not made the war. It has been made for them by their war lords and oppressors. That the people of those countries will throw off the galling yoke of autocracy sooner or later seems certain; meanwhile they must obey.

Our correspondent in closing says: "Treat your German fellow citizens as you yourself would wish to be treated if the case were reversed."