

TREATMENT OF GERMAN CITIZENS.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir,—I read with much interest the letter in your columns signed "Audiat et Altera Pars." It seems to me to strongly appeal to all fair minded men. Surely your correspondent is mistaken when he states that German employees, many of them naturalized Canadian citizens, are being generally dismissed from their employment for the sole reason that their fatherland is Germany—Great Britain has no quarrel with the German people, it is only with their autocratic form of government that arrays itself against all that savors of democracy and seeks to bring Europe under the iron heel of a military despotism.

The Allied Nations are fighting the battle of the German people to the same extent that they are defending the liberty of their own subjects, the end of the struggle will prove this to be true.

Many dismissals are unfortunately taking place, but, the prevailing stringency is responsible for this. Investigation will prove that no undue discrimination is being exercised against any nationality. The naturalized German citizen who is attending to his duties as a British subject will no more be interfered with than the man born under "The Flag." I speak advisedly because I know that British fair play would not do otherwise.

The German settler has always been welcome to our shores. Why only the other day I noticed a suggestion that if the prisoners of war were sent to Western Canada for safe keeping it would give an opportunity by courtesy and good treatment to try and retain them as residents after the war was over.

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