

MAYOR MORRIS SEEING THINGS

Ottawa Says Pembroke's Chief Magistrate Has Attack of Nerves

PRO-GERMANS ARE LIVING PEACEABLY

From a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The authorities here do not take seriously the sensational interview of Mayor Morris of Pembroke, regarding the feeling among the German-speaking population of that district and the alleged existence of a system of espionage.

The conditions existing in the Pembroke district are well known to the officials here and reports that have been received from time to time have been investigated.

The outstanding fact is that there have been no disturbances whatever. The whole population has been living peaceably and the apprehensions that have been voiced by Pembroke's Mayor are considered to be without sufficient foundation.

That some of the older Germans in the district are pro-German in their sympathy is probably correct, but that the town is the centre of a German spy system is not taken seriously. The Secret Service men of the Dominion Police have been in touch with the situation.

As for spying at the internment camp at Petawawa, any information German sleuths can obtain they are welcome to. There is nothing to spy.

It is felt that Mayor Morris and the people of Pembroke have a bad attack of nerves and are seeing things.