

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Aliens in Government Posts.

Editor of The Star: I have been waiting for some time before writing to you, hoping to hear of some movement being made by the fathers, mothers, etc., whose boys are at the front, to circulate a petition to be presented to the Hon. Sir Sam Hughes and Sir Robert Borden asking that all Germans, whether plain or hyphenated, be removed from all positions connected with the Government. Is it not true that we are constantly hearing of cases of those whose trust in these good (?) Germans has been betrayed? By what right does our Government give our Canadian money to people belonging to our enemy? There are, I am sure, many Canadian-born who are as capable of filling these positions as any foreigner. How long would an Englishman or Canadian be allowed to hold such positions in Germany? He would never have been allowed such a position in the first place.

Did the Hon. Mr. Hazen explain why his private secretary was not naturalized until February, 1915? Would it not be better if these persons of German descent would be loyal enough to the country of their adoption to follow the good example of H. R. H. Prince Henry, of Battenburg, and resign? And why of all things should a German (naturalized or not) be the commandant of the ~~internment~~ camp at Petawawa? One of my sons has been at the front almost since the beginning of the war; another is in training. Had I known earlier of the condition of affairs at Ottawa, Quebec, and possibly Ontario, I should have done my best to prevent the second one enlisting, and will certainly do what I can to keep others at home.

Does either the Premier or the Minister of Militia think they are doing their duty to King and country by catering to Germans at home, and sending our boys to be shot or tortured by the barbarians who, for all we know, may be relatives of our petted Germans in Canada?

Will not some influential men start such a petition as spoken of earlier in our letter? Also, is it not wrong to ask help from the people of the country and to impose increasing taxes upon them when such terrible graft is winked at as has been told lately regarding munitions, horses, etc.? Not only are the shells from Canada, which under ordinary rates cost one dollar each, costing six dollars, giving a rake-off of five dollars per shell, but of the first few shipments less than half were fit for use. It is unnecessary to speak of the horse-deals, the daily papers lately giving us enough to think of.

AN ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.

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