

# MAY CONFISCATE GERMAN HOLDINGS

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## Provincial Government Is Considering Proposal to Seize Timber Limits.

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### The Property Is Held by Alvo von Alvensleben Company.

That the government is considering the confiscation of valuable timber limits and other interests in the province owned by Lieut. Alvo von Alvensleben and wealthy German clients of the von Alvensleben firm was intimated today by a government official. Lieut. von Alvensleben, who was in Germany at the time war was declared between Germany and Russia, according to a New York despatch, is now on his way back to British Columbia at the urgent request of his clients who wish him to return to safeguard their interests.

Early this year before returning to Germany the von Alvensleben interests made efforts to sell to the Government of British Columbia fourteen valuable timber limits situated near Buttle Lake on Vancouver Island, at the entrance to Strathcona Park. These limits contain some of the finest yellow cedar in the province and were desired by the government to complete the Strathcona Park reserve. The price asked was so exorbitant, however, that Sir Richard McBride flatly refused to consider the proposition. Since the outbreak of war and the confiscation of British interests in Germany by the German Government, the Government of British Columbia is understood to be considering the confiscation of all German interests held under the Crown. The action of the Germans in demanding a heavy war indemnity of \$40,000,000 from the city of Brussels when the Belgians have been merely defending the integrity of their country is expected to have weight with the considerations of the government.

In addition to the timber limits on Vancouver Island, the Alvensleben interests also own fifteen valuable limits on the coast, and numerous mining and real estate interests, running into the millions of dollars.