

London is respecting the feelings and the material interests of Germans resident in the British capital. This is only what could be expected of a great people whose real character and sentiments are shown best in times of national stress or in face of unknown dangers.

Canada should not be less civilized. The destruction of a German consulate in one of the Pacific coast cities reflects no credit on either the community concerned nor on the Dominion. Germans in Canada are among our best citizens. They are hardworking, inoffensive and law abiding. In many centers, such as Ottawa, they are regarded as among our most intelligent ratepayers, taking a deep interest in municipal and other government.

It is only natural that Germans in Canada, or elsewhere, should retain much of their old affection for the fatherland. Irish and Scotch and English citizens are none the less desirable because of their old country attachments. It is likewise only human that the expatriated Germans in Canada should be interested to a more or less degree in the success of German arms abroad. If, therefore, our German fellow citizens should express themselves on occasion along these lines surely the people of Canada are big enough and intelligent enough to take all the facts into consideration, and instead of reviling and insulting good neighbors to overlook what is merely an indication of the love of country, which is world wide and exists in the breast of every real patriot however humble his situation in life may be.

Canada is too young a country to have completely assimilated its various elements. A generation from now the sons of old country or European nations will be Canadians in name and fact. To treat their fathers with respect, to even honor them for their love of home, will do more towards making them and their children true lovers of this new country than all the legislation that could possibly be bestowed upon them.