

GERMANS IN CANADA

Will Not Be Molested If They Pursue Ordinary Avocations

The latest issue of the Canada Gazette contains a proclamation dealing with the status of Germans in Canada during war time. The proclamation reads:

Whereas a state of war exists between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the German Empire;

And whereas there are many immigrants of German nationality quietly pursuing their usual avocations in various parts of Canada, and it is desirable that such persons should continue in such avocations without interruption,—

Now know ye that by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, we do by these presents proclaim and direct as follows:

1. Such persons so long as they quietly pursue their ordinary avocations shall not be arrested, detained or interfered with, unless there is reasonable ground to believe that they are engaged in espionage, or attempting to engage in acts of a hostile nature, or to give information to the enemy, or unless they otherwise contravene any law, order-in-council or proclamation;

2. All German officers or reservists attempting to leave Canada at any port on the Atlantic or on the Pacific shall be arrested and detained;

3. Precautions shall be taken at all important points such as Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Niagara, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Port William, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Lethbridge, Revelstoke, Sicamous Mission Junction, New Westminster, Vancouver, Victoria and any other similar points in the discretion of the Minister of Militia, to prevent German officers or reservists from leaving Canada for the purpose of entering the United States and thence proceeding to Germany, and any such officers or reservists making any such attempt shall be arrested and detained.