

## ST. CATHARINES.

Mrs. H. Gibson and Mrs. W. Gibson, of 53 1-2 Henry Street are very much concerned for the safety of relatives aboard the ill-fated Lusitania. Mr. George Bartley (their brother) with his wife and three months' old son, Arthur, were passengers. Mr. and Mrs. Bartley had been residents of Welland for about four years, and were returning to Manchester, England.

A man who knows said to the Standard: "It seems a shame to me that so many Germans, Austrians, and United States men are employed on the Welland Ship Canal Construction. Surely there are Canadians citizens who could take some of those jobs just as well. I get around the canal quite a lot and I find that most of the important positions, such as foremen superintendants, etc. seems to be held by men from the United States. It might be all right if work in Canada was plentiful, but with many Canadians out of work, it doesn't look at all right to me. And another thing, some of the Germans are given altogether too much liberty and latitude. They ought to be looked after, better.

According to a letter received in the city John Williams, St. Catharines, who enlisted with the 4th Battalion, first contingent, had been appointed sergeant-major of the hand grenade party before the battle of Langermark.

Williams & Dakers, bakers, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

Belgian farmers, driven from their homes by the invasion of the Kaiser's troops, will introduce intensive cultivation into Canada. Several hundred

of the refugees are on their way from Europe, and many of them will be placed on big farms in the Niagara district. The Belgian farmer has been able through his methods of cultivation to produce heavy crops on small acreage, and the Canadians want to learn the trick. Whether or not the incoming Belgians will settle permanently in Canada or return to Europe when the conflict shall have ceased has not been decided.