

# GERMAN CANUCKS ARE LOYAL

## Feeling of Resentment Against Fatherland for Sinking the Lusitania

Berlin, Ont., May 14.—That there is intense opposition to German militarism and strong resentment of the sinking of the Lusitania was demonstrated in a number of interviews published by the Telegraph to-day with prominent citizens of German descent, including ex-Mayors W. H. Schmalz and George Rumpel, Messrs. W. H. Briethaupt and L. Bardon, and Rev. H. A. Sperling, D.D., President Bardon of Concord Society, stated that the closing of club rooms was a tangible method of entering protest against the inhuman sinking of the Cunard liner. Rev. Dr. Sperling, who is a pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church the largest congregation in Canada, gave out one of the most pronounced and patriotic statements uttered by a German-Canadian since the commencement of hostilities.

"I do not believe," he said, "that there are any Germans in Berlin who are in sympathy with the German cause. If there are any they should be arrested and punished for their attitude. The Bible distinctly tells us that wherever there is government that government is authorized, by God and those living under its protection should be obedient and loyal to it. The Germans in Canada should be loyal to the British throne, for it is from the British flag that they are receiving protection which enables them to make their living. Personally, I believe that the Germans of Berlin are of this sentiment. I am of German birth and received my education in the Fatherland, but I am now an American citizen, and I am at present eeking to become a Canadian citizen. I am not in sympathy with this terrible war, and I think that the sinking of the Lusitania was a murderous attack upon the lives of innocent and unprotected non-combatants. I am deeply impressed with the commendable attitude which this government is taking in regard to the protection of peaceable German-Canadians, and I think that such an attitude is truly expressive of the high Christian character of the Canadian people."