

BECAUSE BORDEN SENT MEN OVER TO FIGHT HUNS TORY MAY BE DEFEATED

Some of the Gossip of Alice Township, Where the German Element is Very Strong and Confident.

QUAINT GABLED HOUSES ON THE POORER FARMS

A Rumor That Arms Have Been Stored in Some Cases Has no Confirmation—Gossip of the Settlements.

Special to The Journal.

Pembroke, Dec. 4.—“I can tell you one thing,” said a Canadian farmer out in Alice township to The Journal. “A Conservative won't stand a ghost of a chance in this part of the riding at the next election, the majority of the Germans are so sore on the government for having sent Canadian troops to the front. I'm a Conservative myself,” he continued, “and I have been from end to end of the township quite recently, so I know what I'm talking about. The Germans are quiet, so far as any demonstration goes, but deep down this antagonistic feeling exists, and there are times when they don't hesitate to express it.”

The majority of the farmers in Alice are Germans, as the quaint gabled houses on the poorer farms testify. The Journal's informant paid a strong tribute to their industry. They take farms, said he, that no other settler will touch—and they make them pay. He pointed out one small farm in particular, where the fences are high walls of piled boulders, gathered in from the fields by the German family, so that they could till their land. The family did all the work, he continued, worked and saved until they were able to buy one of the better farms when it fell in the market, and theirs is not an isolated example of the industry of the German settlers.

Rumor Arms Were Stored.

Conversation with an old country farmer in another portion of the township brought to light the fact that the British and French residents do believe that actual attempts have been made by certain of the Germans to accumulate stocks of arms and ammunition. The case of a storekeeper in a neighboring township was cited. The story was circulated that a Frenchman had accidentally discovered nineteen rifles in a case of hardware in the store. The story circulated throughout the township, and The Journal's informant heard it from a dozen sources, including the man from whom it emanated. He questioned the German about it, and received a vigorous denial. The Teuton said that if he could find the man who originated the yarn he would sue him. He was supplied with the name; but, despite his threats of suit, not a word has been heard of the matter, though some weeks have elapsed. “So you see,” remarked the farmer, “it looks as if there was something in the charge after all.”

Made Respect the Flag.

Another German, in Alice township, The Journal was informed on excellent authority, went down to Petawawa Camp some time ago, and was allowed to see it. While in he kept quiet, but as soon as he reached the gates, he began abusing the treatment of the prisoners within. This enraged the guard who induced him to return and accept the hospitality of the camp, with the other aliens. He was kept in for three days, and then allowed to go with a warning. An escort of Canadians met him and went back to his farm with him, and ran up a Union Jack in front of the house. Such was the salutary effect on him, that the flag still remains, though somewhat the worse for its winter's wear.

Mr. J. Carmichael, a large farmer in Alice township, is one of the collectors for the Patriotic Fund in the district. He told The Journal that most of the German farmers had contributed small amounts, but as the collections were in cash this year, the totals were not nearly so large as last, when grain was accepted. He expressed the opinion that such farmers as had withdrawn money from the savings bank, had buried it until the end of the war, for fear of confiscation.