

# CASIMIR KOCOT OFFERS REWARD IF HE IS PROVED GERMAN

Former Sault Man Takes  
Effective Way of Refuting  
Slanders

BEEN IN CANADA  
SEVENTEEN YEARS

Has No Sympathy With  
Prussians or the German  
Cause

Mr. Casimir Kocot, a former resident of the Sault, who is now in business in Regina, has taken a novel and effective way of disproving slanders that have been circulated to the effect that he is a German. Mr. Kocot, who is well known here, having been interested in the Soo Falls Brewing Company and other local concerns, has published in the Regina Evening Province a large advertisement under a bold-type line "Am I a German?" The advertisement continues:

Some jealous business competitors are trying to harm me by imparting the malicious information to the public that I am a German.

Please judge for yourself.

I was born near Pultusk (about 10 English miles northeast of Warsaw) in Russian Poland.

I was educated at first in Pultusk, and then in an ecclesiastical college in Plock and University of Warsaw.

My full name is Casimir (in Polish Casimierz) Kocot. My family of French stock originated in Poland during the historical retreat of Napoleon from Moscow.

I speak the Polish, the Russian and the English languages. I have fair literary knowledge of German, French, Latin, and Greek. And student that is graduated from any of theological institutes must have a fair knowledge of these latter languages.

I am in America 23 years and in Canada about 17. When I enlisted in the U. S. army in order to learn the English language, I enlisted as a Pole. When I became a citizen of the United States I was glad at that time to swear the allegiance of the Czar. When many years ago I became a British subject, I was officially classed as a Russian.

In 1899-1900 I lived in Rossland, N. C. From 1900 till 1910 I lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. From 1910 to 1913 in Cracow, Poland (for political reasons I was afraid to visit my home), in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., and Northampton, Mass. From 1913 till now, in Regina. I am telling this in order to make the following propositions.

I will give absolutely free and unnumbered to any one my two Prairie Rose Stores, delivery rigs included who can, in 30 days from this date, prove:

That my name is German

That I have ever, at any time, in any place, and under any conditions, acknowledged to be a German.

That I ever have spoken fluently German.

That I have ever fully understood German, or

That I have, during this war, ever shown the slightest sympathy or admiration for the Prussians or the German cause.

Furthermore, I am accused of not subscribing to our patriotic fund. As a matter of fact, since the beginning of the war until now, I have paid to our national government \$5,880 in cash besides the unusual taxes that every one pays. As to voluntary contributions, all that I could afford to give or induce others to give was sent to the General Polish Relief Fund an institution requiring so much of voluntary assistance. Poland, politically non-existent, cannot organize the work of collections as well as Belgium, for instance, that, that every penny contributed to that meagre fund, in my opinion, is of greater necessity than dollars to other institutions that are supported by united and wealthy nations. Can anyone blame me that I am trying to help to save a nation that has only a few children left under the age of 8, in preference to our soldiers families that are protected by our well-to-do country to the general benefit of which I have as already stated, contributed the sum of \$5,880.00 and am contributing each month?

The above are true facts, so help me God. Am I a German?

CASIMIR KOCOT.  
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