

DO NOT TAKE HIM VERY SERIOUSLY

Montreal Bankers Are Very Chary of Curtin's State- ments.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Bankers and financial men in Montreal are not inclined to take seriously the statements of D. Thomas Curtin of Boston who, in a series of articles written for the London Times, says that the Deutsche Bank of Germany is entrenched behind British financial interests and that powerful friends of the institution are in Montreal and other centres. It is pointed out that trading with Germany in any form is prohibited and any Germans still at liberty are regarded as harmless. One wealthy German who is a director of the Bank of Montreal has not taken an active part in the affairs of the bank since the outbreak of war. Before the war there were a number of firms here representing big German export houses, but they quickly "closed up shop" after hostilities commenced and the alien round-up was inaugurated.