

their business to lay down their policy on the subject, and that it would be unfair to dismiss German alien enemies from the University and retain those who are in other Government situations. The Premier has, however, said that the matter must be dealt with by the Board of Governors and the President. This apparent deadlock is very unsatisfactory to the public.

It is not easy to see how the Board of Governors can shelter themselves behind the section referred to, which had not in view such a state of things as now exists, and which was, it might be thought, plainly pointed at the academic qualifications and personal and moral character of a professor, of which the President who nominated him was better qualified to judge than a Board of lay Governors.

The President is also reported to have said, in connection with this subject, "We must have teachers." Under present circumstances we are prepared to deny the proposition. Canada can do without teachers for a few months. It is a matter of no importance whatever, during this war for our national existence, whether there are any teachers in the University, or indeed whether there is or is not a University at all, unless, indeed, it be used as a recruiting centre. Rather let the buildings be turned into barracks and the campus into a parade ground where the President and professors would teach their students the rudiments, at least, of military training, and so fit them to fight for their hearths and homes, for the existence of the Empire, and for freedom and liberty the world over. Much more than this is being done at Oxford and Cambridge, where several colleges are empty and some turned into hospitals, the majority of the students being at the front, or training to go there. What is good enough for these great historic centres of learning is certainly good enough for the University of Toronto, and this the President and Governors will find soon enough when they apply to the public to pay their present and their continually increasing deficits.