

the employment of alien enemies of the German race, let us suppose that one of those who supported President Falconer, say Sir Byron Walker, a keen business man, was in charge of the Ross Rifle Factory, or some gunpowder works, or any of the great public utilities—would he dare to retain in his employ a German workman, a subject of the Kaiser, no matter how efficient he might be, or how harmless he might appear to be? We trow not!

Not less objectionable, and for analogous reasons, is the retention of German professors or lecturers on the University staff. It serves nothing to say that they are not at present to be engaged in teaching. The very fact of their retention on the salaried staff, in the employment of and paid by the province, will be regarded by the public, and above all by the youth of the University, as a tacit assertion by the Governors of the harmless character of such men, and that they ought not to be regarded as alien enemies.

Turning now to the legal question. It was strongly urged by the President and others that the Royal Proclamation published in the *Canada Gazette* of August 15th and the subsequent explanatory public notice dated September 2nd, emanating from the Governor General at Ottawa, stood in the way of the dismissal of these men. The recital of the proclamation says:—

“And whereas there are many immigrants of German nationality quietly pursuing their usual avocations in various parts of Canada, and it is desirable that such persons should continue in such avocations without interruption.”

The enacting clause provides that “such persons so long as they quietly pursue their ordinary avocations shall not be arrested, detained or interfered with, unless there is reasonable ground to believe that they are engaged in espionage, or attempting to engage in acts of a hostile nature, or to give information to the enemy, or unless they otherwise contravene any law, order in council or proclamation.”

The public notice or explanatory proclamation of September 2 directs as follows:—

“That all persons in Canada of German or Austro-Hun-