

TO BAR GERMAN FROM SCHOOLS

Prohibition of Public Use of Enemy's Language Also Aimed At

A bill, which would, if passed, completely ban the teaching and public use of the German language in Ontario, was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Dr. Forbes Godfrey of West York. Notwithstanding any existing laws of the Province, the bill proposes that degrees in universities, schools and seminaries shall be awarded without reference to the standing of any candidate in the study of German, and that it shall be unlawful to place upon the curriculum any book or publication in the German language, or to require that the German language shall be learned as part of a course of study for any examination. The bill also proposes that no person shall make any public address, preach or conduct divine service or speak at any municipal or Council meeting in the German language, and that no books, records or correspondence of any company or municipality shall be written or printed in that language. No teacher would be allowed to use the German language in addressing pupils, and no public notice or petition would be allowed printed in the German language if the bill carried.

The penalty proposed to be imposed upon those violating the act is not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, which would be recovered by the action of any person who would sue for the amount through any County or District Court. Every action for the recovery of such penalty would be tried by a Judge without a jury. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council would have power to cancel any Provincial patents issued to any firm if it violated the act.

Lutheran Churches Affected.

Lutheran German Baptist and a number of Roman Catholic churches in Western Ontario will be the most affected if the Legislature adopts the bill introduced to make it an offence to teach or use the German language in Ontario. In Toronto only students of the University and colleges would be affected. However, in Waterloo, Bruce and Huron counties there are a number of churches in which divine service is conducted each Sunday in German.

A couple of weekly newspapers, published in Kitchener, would be either forced out of business or else compelled to print in English. The same is true of churches throughout the northern part of Waterloo county. Certain sections in Perth county would be affected, while fairly large settlements of people using the German language in Huron and Bruce counties would be compelled to change from German to English in their church services and at some public meetings.