

DEPORT ALIENS WHO HAVE WEAPONS

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PUTS IN- TO EFFECT LAW DESIGNED TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY.

A proclamation in Saturday's Ontario Gazette puts in force the new provincial law with respect to offensive weapons, passed by the legislature at the present session.

The act provides that:

Every person who exposes for sale, offers for sale, or sells any bowie-knife, dirk, dagger, stiletto, metal knuckles, skull cracker or slung shot, or who sells revolver, pistol or air gun to any person other than one holding a certificate issued under section 115 of the criminal code, or one, being over 18 years of age, who produces to and leaves with the vendor a permit in writing, signed by the superintendent of provincial police, or a chief constable of a city or town, allowing him to purchase a revolver, pistol or air gun, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200 or less than \$25, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months with or without hard labor or to both, and the bowie-knife, dirk, dagger, stiletto, metal knuckles, skull cracker or slung shot, revolver, pistol or air gun so exposed or offered for sale, or sold by such person, shall be confiscated by the police magistrate or justice, and transferred to the superintendent of provincial police, or destroyed as such magistrate or justice may see fit.

Must Record Sales of Firearms.

Every person who sells revolver, pistol or air gun under the provisions of section 1 hereof, without keeping a record of the date of the sale, name of maker, serial number of such revolver, pistol or air gun, and the name, address and occupation of the purchaser or who sells or exposes or offers for sale any revolver or pistol which does not bear a serial number and the maker's name, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200 or less than \$25, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months with or without hard labor or to both, and the revolver, pistol or air gun so exposed or offered for sale, or sold by such person, shall be confiscated by the police magistrate or justice and transferred to the superintendent of provincial police, or destroyed as such magistrate or justice may see fit.

The record referred to in subsection 1 may be inspected at any time by any peace officer and a copy thereof shall be transmitted by the person making the sale to the superintendent of provincial police within seven days after the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year. A violation of this subsection shall render the offender liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$50.

Every peace officer may search any person who he has reason to believe and does believe is violating the provisions of the criminal code, and may seize any of the weapons which such person is illegally carrying and any weapon seized under this section shall be confiscated.

Threat of Deportation.

A clause providing for deportation in certain cases reads:

"If any of the weapons is found on a person believed not to be a native of Canada, the constable making the search, justice of the peace, or magistrate before whom such person is charged with the offence, he shall report such facts to the provincial secretary, and the provincial secretary may communicate with the minister of the interior with the view towards deporting such person under the Immigration Act.

Under the guidance of Ald. George Sweeny the Italian residents of the fourth ward have organized what is known as Italian league against knives and concealed weapons. Ald Sweeny is honorary president of it, J. F. Bavastro is president, and Antoine Circelli is the secretary.

The members pledge themselves not to carry concealed weapons, and in about a week each member will be furnished with a button which will indicate that he does not have a small arsenal or a cutlery shop concealed in his clothing. Each pledges himself to discourage the carrying of weapons, and those who are found carrying weapons and wearing the button will be summarily dealt with.

The league has already a membership of over a hundred, and it is expected that it will be doubled before the buttons are ready for distribution.