

GRASETT POWERLESS

Police Chief Explains Why He Can't Apprehend the Bulgars.

Col. H. J. Grasett, chief of police and registrar of aliens, stated to-day that no action would be taken by his department with regard to Bulgars leaving Canada until war has been declared against Bulgaria.

"We cannot prevent them from leaving until war has been declared against Bulgaria," said Col. Grasett. "When that event transpires it will be impossible for them to leave the country by the regular channels, that is by rail, boat or over bridges. Of course they may fly over to the United States or swim, and we might have some difficulty stopping them." "If war is declared what action will the police take?" asked The Star.

"Bulgarians here will be treated the same as Germans or Austrians," he replied. "They will be located and asked to declare their intentions. If they are pro-German then they will be interned." "How do you intend locating them?" "We can find a great number through the contractors and by various other methods which it would not be advisable to make public. When we hear from the Militia Department then we will take action."