

# ONLY AUSTRIAN AVAILABLE

But He Should Be Regarded as Fugitive, Says M. Rochereau.

"They should just keep it quiet. They should not advertise it." said Mr. Rochereau de la Sabliere, French consul, in speaking of the announcement that Mr. Luigi von Kunitz, an Austrian, is to conduct the orchestra for the coming Mark Hambourg concert in Massey Hall on March 19th. Several protests against the securing of the Austrian musician have been sent to M. Rochereau.

"I spoke to Mr. Jan Hambourg," continued M. Rochereau, "and he explained to me that they are in a difficult position. There is only Mr. Frank Welsman apart from Mr. von Kunitz in Toronto who could conduct the orchestra, and as Mr. Welsman is connected with another conservatory, it would not be politic. Besides which, Mr. von Kunitz particularly well understands the Russian music which will form the program.

"But they should not advertise it. They should treat the matter as if it were an Austrian instrument they were using, such as a violin or a piano."

However, the Hambourg family refuse to consider Mr. von Kunitz in this wooden light, and appeal to the militia for moral support. "We have Lieut.-Col. Gooderham as sponsor for him," said Mr. Jan Hambourg. "He teaches in the academy of which Col. Gooderham is the head. He is not an **Austrian reservist**, because he was rejected as physically unfit. He has lived in America for thirty years. He will conduct the British National Anthem in opening the concert, and the Russian National Anthem in closing it, and that is patriotism enough, is it not?"