

# PUBLIC WARNED OF BALLOON FLIGHT

Adjutant-General Has Authorized It for Tomorrow  
Afternoon

DON'T NOTIFY MILITARY

Alarm as to Wireless Outfit at  
St. Margaret's Caused by  
Students' Outfit, Which  
Was Dismantled

The extent to which hostile airships, wireless telegraph stations and other secret agencies have taken hold of the public mind of late was shown yesterday, when official warning was sent out by the Adjutant-General at Ottawa, notifying the public that a balloon would ascend from Dominion Park on Sunday. Under present regulations no balloon or aircraft of any kind can be flown within ten miles of Montreal without official permit, under penalty of a \$5,000 fine.

A hot-air balloon ascension is to be made from Dominion Park on Sunday afternoon, with other exhibitions, and official permission has been given by the Adjutant-General at Ottawa for this exhibition.

Following up this permission a telegram was yesterday received by Col. E. W. Wilson, O.C., from the Adjutant-General, setting forth that this permission had been given, and asking Col. Wilson to notify the public through the press, so that the military authorities might be spared the usual crop of reports that Zeppelins and other aircraft had been seen. Official military notice is therefore given that any person who sees a balloon over Montreal on Sunday may not consider himself bound to telephone the military authorities that hostile aircraft are invading the city.

WIRELESS WAS STUDENT'S OUTFIT.

Information as to another supposed alien enemy wireless telegraph station at St. Margarets, in the Laurentian Mountains, was also published yesterday. According to this, Mr. Pierre Desforges, of 40 Laval Ave., had received a letter from a brother of his who is holidaying in that district, asking him to notify the authorities that "Germans have set up a wireless station near St. Margarets village. Their apparatus was seized and taken away, but they built another, and the public is no longer allowed near it. It would be a good thing to let the authorities know."

With regard to this, Lt.-Col. G. E. Burns, Intelligence officer, stated yesterday that several weeks ago information had reached the military authorities that a wireless plant was being operated near St. Margarets, which is at an elevation that would be peculiarly favorable for long distance wireless work.

Lt.-Col. Burns at once sent officers out to investigate.

"We found that a science student from Montreal was holidaying there," said Lt.-Col. Burns, "and had put up a small wireless outfit for experimental purposes. It only had a radius of a few miles, and was a harmless affair, but, following out the law regarding such installations, it was dismantled."

Lt.-Col. Burns said he had no information that this plant had been again set up, while the idea that it was being operated by Germans was probably the result of imagination.