

PRO-GERMAN HOTELMAN PUNISHED BY BOARD.

License Suspended For One Month—Prof. Reithdorf Was Complainant.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—The Ontario License Board, having come to the conclusion "that in the public interest it is desirable that the Board should mark its disapproval of such disloyal and unpatriotic conduct on the part of a license holder," has resolved that the tavern license now held by Charles Knapp for the licensed premises known as the Petersburg Hotel at Petersburg be suspended for one month, commencing on Saturday evening, January 16th. In their resolution the board says it appears from the evidence of Professor Reithdorf that the expressions used toward him by Charles Knapp were not only discourteous, but strongly pro-German, intimating amongst other things that the Allies could do their own fighting.

The complaint came from Professor Reithdorf, who alleged that he had been refused accommodation by the hotelkeeper. Knapp has since written an apology to the professor, saying he had no intention whatever of refusing accommodation, and he was sorry that anything he said led Professor Reithdorf to come to that conclusion. He also states that certain statements had been attributed to the professor which might have induced him (Knapp) to use the language he did. He had since learned that these statements were untrue. He had absolutely no sympathy with the Kaiser and the German War Lords. However, he was sorry for the great mass of the German people; and he thought in this the professor would agree with him.