

DOMINION POLICE RAID FOREIGNERS IN CITY

Sixty Aliens Are Netted in Night Operations— Heavy Penalties Provided by the Amended M. S. Act

Toronto's foreign element was the first to feel the hands of the **Dominion Police** of this district in carrying out the recent order in Council which requires every male person within Class One of the Military Service Act to at all times, on and after June 1, have upon his person proof that he is exempted from or not liable to military service. No less than sixty aliens were taken into custody in two drives on the eastern and western sections of the city, and they spent the night in the various police stations. Although the order which amended the M.S.A. came into effect on Saturday last, last night's work on the part of the Dominion Police was really the first carrying out of the far-reaching amendments.

With twenty of his officers Capt. Tom Flanagan, the Chief Inspector for this district, swooped down upon restaurants, boarding-houses, stores, pool-rooms and halls where the foreign element congregates, and so well carried out was the raid that sixty were apprehended who were not able to produce satisfactory documents. To make the apprehensions more certain the men's papers where they were registered at the various stations were gone over, but only four or five were freed.

Hebrew Meeting Raided.

The first of the series of raids was effected in the western section of the city, in the district comprising Bathurst, Spadina, King, Front, Niagara and Tecumseth streets. In all fifteen places were visited, such as foreigners' restaurants and boarding houses of larger proportions. While on their way out the squad of policemen noticed signs of a meeting in a hall which they decided to visit, although it was not on their schedule. It was found to be a Hebrew meeting, and twelve men without the satisfactory papers were arrested there. In the first drive in the west end twenty-six men were

taken into custody. There were no Canadians in the crowd, none of the men being naturalized. These men were all taken to No. 3 Claremont Police Station.

Equally successful with the first raid was the second, in the eastern end, on King street, east of Parliament, and neighboring streets. In this section there are many Macedonians, Greeks and Bulgarians, and the search of eight stores and pool-rooms netted thirty-eight more. The aliens in this end of the city have a habit of congregating in stores, and the police found them in large numbers. The men were taken to No. 2 Dundas Street West Police Station.

As the No. 2 Police Station had not room enough to accommodate the whole aggregation, ten were marched to No. 1 Court Street Station.

No chances of escape were afforded the men gathered in. As the men were being taken to the respective stations they were marched down the street car tracks.

Heavy Penalty Provided.

The order in Council provides that if a man claims to be without the class, by reason of his nationality he must have a certificate of his nationality signed by a Consul or Vice-Consul. This was later amended to allow of his passport being accepted. However, none of the 60 men held over night had papers which were satisfactory to the authorities. All these men are liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding a month, or both, and further may be required to perform military duty, so long as their services are required or until the fact is established to the satisfaction or competent authority that they are not liable for military duty.

Officers of the Dominion Police announced last evening that since they started on the work of rounding up defaulters under the Military Service Act, they have placed 1,831 men in the army. Last week 164 men were turned over to the military authorities. The total number of investigations carried out in the Toronto district were 99,500.