

IMMIGRATION BOARD SITTING AT WINNIPEG

Begins Investigation Into Cases of Four Aliens; Bail Refused

Winnipeg, July 17.—Discussion of technicalities occupied the whole of the opening session of the Immigration Board's investigation into the cases of the four aliens, Blumenberg, Charitonoff, Almazoff and Schoppelrel, today. Strong objections against the holding of such an inquiry were made by the counsel for the defense, and they advised Blumenberg, who appeared first for examination, to answer no questions whatever. The matter of bail was entered into, and Marcus Hyman asked that it be granted the accused. Thomas Gelley, Assistant Commissioner of Immigration, who is the only person authorized to grant bail in this case, refused, however, to give it.

The charges laid against the four men which make them liable to deportation are taken from section 41 of the Immigration Act: "By word or act creates or attempts to create any riot or public disorder in Canada, or who, without lawful authority, assumes any powers of government in Canada or in any part thereof, or who is a member of or affiliated with any organization entertaining or teaching disbeliefs in or opposition to organized government." A. J. Andrews, K. C., is appearing for the department.

Antoni Czezawouski, charged with rioting, was committed for trial today without bail. John Olsen, also charged with rioting, was likewise committed for trial.