

ENTERTAINMENT AMONG FOREIGNERS SAID TO BE HARMLESS AMUSEMENT

During the week-end a thorough investigation was made with a view of testing the charges of seditious talk so openly made at the hearing of an assault case on Saturday. The evidence given by the complainant in the case was of a startling nature and indicated that meetings of a dangerous character, to which Britishers were not allowed, were held in a hall on the flats. It was stated under oath by a Mrs. Dhys that a show planned for Saturday night was to be an exhibit of how Germans and Austrians defeated the British and Russians, according to the story told her by defendants then in custody.

During the week-end the allegations have been thoroughly investigated by Crown Prosecutor Matheson and the police officials. Chief of Police Esslemont attended the hall on Saturday evening and found that the play was of a harmless sort, and the audience was composed of women and children. The men who were alleged to have plotted seditious meetings were found to be Polish residents of eight, ten and fifteen years residence in Brandon, and there is not an atom of evidence obtainable that would cast reflection upon their character.

On the other hand, Mrs. Dhys is a German Hungarian, according to the proprietor of the hall, and as such would not be allowed to become a member of the club under whose auspices the entertainments were being run, the membership of which is confined to Polish residents.

The Sun representative interviewed Mike Lyternoistek, proprietor of the hall, this morning. He stated in the presence of Crown Prosecutor Matheson that the entertainments held in the hall was absolutely unobjectionable. He extended an invitation to The Sun to send a representative to the hall at any time, whenever a meeting was in progress or not, and to judge the entertainment for himself. The same invitation had been extended to Mayor Cater, Chief Esslemont

or any other member of the police force, or Crown Prosecutor Matheson, to visit the hall.

Mr. Lyternoistek asserted that none of the Dhys family would be allowed to become members of the club. The entertainments were, however, open to German residents, the same as to any other section of the population.

An offer was also made to The Sun to inspect the books of the club and it would be seen that all the proceeds of the hall go to pay for it. This, the reporter was informed, could be verified on reference to the firm of B. H. Campbell & Co., who supplied the lumber.

As to the real object and purposes of the club, The Sun was assured that "It is to provide for the sick. If any members of the club become sick, we help him," said our informant. Apart from this, the hall is being used for the purpose of holding entertainments.