

POLICE TIGHTEN GRIP OVER CITY

All Absent Members of Force
Hurriedly Summoned to Re-
turn to Patrol Duty

REDOUBLE VIGILANCE

Guard City Property and Keep
Sharp Eye on All Suspicious
Characters—War Condi-
tions Prevail

Chief Campeau stated yesterday that until further orders there will be no leave of absence for members of the city police force, except for those who may desire to fight for England, or with her allies, in the war that is now raging in Europe. Chief Campeau said yesterday that all vacations for officers and men had been cancelled and those who were absent and could be reached had been summoned to return to duty without delay. The head of the police force said: "During the present excitement it is necessary that every man should be on duty. The streets are crowded with excited people, especially at night, so that it is impossible to tell when or where trouble may break out. For that reason, we need every man on duty."

During the period of the war the police and militia will do guard duty in the city. There are thousands of foreigners in Montreal, whose sympathies are not with England in the present struggle. Some excited individual amongst them might think that he would be aiding Germany or Austria by destroying public property here. It is for that reason that the police are now guarding the water-works, the reservoirs and aqueduct, as well as other property of the corporation, while the militia are doing guard duty along the river front and the canal.

Chief Campeau said yesterday that the police would try to keep a watch on all suspicious characters, who might be spies of the countries with which England is at war. There will be special men detailed to keep a lookout on the lodging houses in the foreign quarters of the city.

SCOTLAND YARD MEN HERE

There are said to be a dozen men from Scotland Yard in Canada, all but four of whom are supposed to be in Montreal. So far as could be learned yesterday at police headquarters, nothing was known there of their presence in this city, but it was said that there were a dozen men from the Dominion police working here. They are supposed to be engaged in looking after property belonging to the Federal Government, of which there is more in this city than in any other part of Canada.

Chief Campeau said yesterday that there would be no recruiting allowed here for either the German or Austrian army. Should any person be found here recruiting for either of those armies, he will be arrested on a charge of treason and will be tried before a military court.

The police are in hopes that there will be no attacks on persons of either German or Austrian descent residing in Montreal. Many of these people are loyal British subjects and the authorities are in hopes that nothing will be done during the present crisis to interfere with or annoy them.