

# CLOSE CONSULATE OF AUSTRIA HERE AS STATE BUREAU

## But Keep Offices Open for Advice Along Other Lines.

So far as the Austro-Hungarian Consulate and its officials in this city are concerned, Prince Hohenlohe confirmed yesterday what had already been previously announced in *The Star*, that though as a consulate it had ceased to exist, the offices were open and the officials engaged in advisory capacities, rendering useful services to subjects of the Dual Monarchy. No state of war exists between Great Britain and Austro-Hungary, and the ambassador of the latter power is still at his post in London. In case of rupture, said Prince Hohenlohe, the presence of the staff here might prove very useful, as there is a large number of Austrians in the city, including many reservists. No steps had been taken to send these latter to Europe to join the Austrian army, but their names and addresses had been registered, and the consulate officials had expressly warned reservists to stay at home, to take no part in demonstrations, but to attend peaceably to their own affairs. "And so far as we know," added the Prince, "these orders have been obeyed."

Those in charge at the Consulate offices think that in all probability a large number of their countrymen will be without work and without funds during the winter, and with no means available to enable them to leave the country, difficulties might easily ensue. The officials, thinking that their services may be advantageously employed, do not propose to leave Canada unless instructions to that effect are given by the Austrian Ambassador at Washington.