

CHARGE OF EXTORTION

Serious Accusation Is Made Against Interpreter

That for some time past he has been collecting money from enemy aliens, under threats of having them interned, is the allegation against Hyman Steinman, of 211 Laval avenue, an interpreter in the employ of the Government at the Registration Bureau in St. Antoine street. Steinman was arrested last night by Detectives "Crowthers and Lajoie" on a charge of extortion.

He has been under suspicion for some time, complaints having been made against him by several Austrians, who have been reporting themselves regularly to the officers at the Registration Bureau. A special officer was sent down from Ottawa to work on the case, in co-operation with local detectives.

One of the Austrians who had laid information against the interpreter had been asked by the latter to visit him last night and bring \$20. The detectives were "in" on the arrangement, and the bills making up the \$20 were marked. Steinman was taken into custody directly after the Austrian had paid over the money, and the marked bills were found in his possession. He was taken to headquarters, and locked up to appear in the Arraignment Court this morning.