

TWO GERMAN CLUBS CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Withdraw Renewal Applications at License Commission Session Yesterday

CHIEF CAMPEAU'S ADVICE

Told Club Officials That in View of Prevailing Conditions It Would Be Wise to Suspend

Two German social clubs, one of which has existed in Montreal for many years, have closed their doors. This announcement was made at a meeting of the License Commissioners yesterday, when applications for renewal of their licenses were withdrawn. If they do re-open, it will not be until the present struggle in Europe has come to an end.

The clubs are the Teutonia, 403 West Dorchester street, and the Harmonia, 254 West Notre Dame street. Both closed their doors on the advice of Chief Campeau, who sent for the officers of the clubs and informed them that, on account of the feeling that existed throughout the city, he thought it would be advisable in their own best interests to close for the time being. The officers agreed with the Chief of Police, who said he was prepared to give them the same protection, so far as lay in the power of the police, as would be given to any other citizens, but as the police could not interfere until they were requested to do so, which might be after serious trouble broke out, the officers came to the conclusion that it would be better for them to close. Chief Campeau said that he felt certain that the great majority of citizens of Montreal would not think of interfering with the rights of the German residents of the city, who were law-abiding and in no way responsible for what was occurring on the other side of the water, but it would only take a few irresponsible individuals to start trouble.

Mr. A. J. Morrison, who appeared yesterday before the License Commissioners for the two German clubs, said that he would withdraw the application of the Harmonia Club on account of the war. In the case of the Teutonia Club, he said that it had closed its doors, not on account of the war, but because it had had too many visitors, and was not anxious to have any more.

The only club licenses granted yesterday by the Commissioners were those of the Engineers' Club, 9 Beaver Hall square, the Theatrical Club, 310 St. Urbain street, and the Cosmopolitan Political Club, 487 St. Lawrence street.

The officers of ten other clubs in different parts of the city were instructed by the commissioners to bring their charters, so that they could be examined. The next sitting of the commissioners will be held next Thursday.