

LAY CHARGE AGAINST MINORU PARK PEOPLE

Attorney-General Will Initiate Prosecution in Richmond Magistrate's Court.

Official Statement that Intention is to Prolong Season Until September 21.

Mr. Bowser Objects to Plans for Three Months' Meet and Accordingly Acts.

But Decisions of Chief Justice Stand in Way of Any Quick Closure.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, arrived from Victoria this morning and announced that he would immediately cause to be initiated a prosecution against the Minoru Park people, with a view to bringing the race meeting at the Lulu Island track to a sudden close. Mr. Bowser came over for a personal consultation on the subject with his special-crown prosecutor, Mr. A. D. Taylor, who will handle the case. The proposal is that an information be laid under the Miller Act, and the case in the first instance will naturally come before the magistrate of Richmond Municipality in whose district the alleged infraction of the law is taking place.

Act Not Flaw-proof.

It can not be said that Mr. Bowser is over- sanguine of success in connection with his prosecution. In the first place the Miller Act, passed by the Canadian Parliament a few years ago, has not been regarded by people opposed to race meetings as an impregnable piece of legislation, and in the next place there are two decisions of Chief Justice Hunter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to the effect that the pari-mutuel system of betting, as carried on at Minoru, is not gambling. To secure a conviction it will be necessary for the authorities virtually to upset these decisions of the chief justice. Mr. Bowser said this morning that it would be necessary for his lawyer to prove that the pari-mutuel system is a form of gambling. He understands that this decision has finally been reached by the courts of Australia, which is a great horse-racing country.

Against Three Months' Racing.

"In recent proceedings in a Victoria court," said Mr. Bowser this morning, "it was officially stated that the intention was to continue the race meeting or meetings until Sept. 21. That means almost three months of racing, which is altogether too long, in my opinion; and in response to what appears to me to be the very general sentiment of the people of this community I intend to do what I can to put an end to the present session at Minoru."

"On looking up the facts connected with this matter," continued Mr. Bowser, "I find that on June 14, 1912, the case of Schnell vs. the British Canadian Thoroughbred Association was argued before the chief justice. Schnell had asked for an injunction preventing the holding or continuance of the race meeting, but the chief justice decided that pari-mutuel machines were not gaming devices and that there was no ground for official interference."

Hindus on Komagata Maru Awaiting Res



Smoke Is Rising from the Maru To Leave at Five a.m. Tomorrow

Capt. Yamamoto Has Said Good-bye to Mr. C. Gardner Johnson.

Hindus Surrender After a Long Fight for Admission to Canada.

Smoke is rising from the funnel of the Komagata Maru and the tramp steamer, now famous as the storm centre of situations, which almost ended in a mimic naval battle, is expected to leave Canadian shores at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. With the grim, grey, little old cruiser, Raleigh

Seven Local Hindus Will Go on the Boat, to Spread Sedition, It Is Said.

Provisions Are Being Put on Tramp Steamer, Ready for Long Voyage.

out the Komagata Maru, Capt. Johnson had the distinction of piloting the famous Hindu ship into Burrard Harbor on May 23, and it just falls to him to pilot her out if she goes tomorrow.

Some Seven Seditionists.

JAPANESE CREW WAITING

Victoria, July 2.—Two Japanese crew members were here recently on the Pacific coast, acting as ocean guards on the Komagata Maru. Sufficient information was obtained, however, from the crew of the ship which persons in the Mexico Maru had here this morning to keep the ship from leaving. Sufficient information was obtained, however, from the crew of the ship which persons in the Mexico Maru had here this morning to keep the ship from leaving. Sufficient information was obtained, however, from the crew of the ship which persons in the Mexico Maru had here this morning to keep the ship from leaving.

Mr. C. Gardner Johnson, who is in doubt as to whether the ship will follow or not, is waiting for a decision from the government.