

THEY MUST ALL GO.

Saloons on Main and Ninth Streets Near the Junction to Be Wiped Out.

After July 4, 1894, the ground floors of seven buildings in the block bounded by Baltimore avenue, Main, Ninth and Tenth streets, will be for rent. On that date the licenses of seven saloons in the block will expire and will not again be renewed by the police commissioners. This action has been taken at the request of property owners in the block, who have become tired of the crowds of loafers attracted by the saloons, and who believe if this objectionable feature were removed a better class of business could be secured in the block.

A large number of citizens owning property in the block last summer appeared before the police commissioners and objected to the renewal of the licenses of any of the saloons. The commissioners hearkened unto the request of the property owners and fixed January 1, 1891, as the time beyond which no licenses would be granted in the block. But the saloon men were wily and forestalled the action of the police board, five of the seven taking out licenses for one year.

These licenses expire July 4, 1894. The only two who failed to take out licenses for a year were Robert McC. Lord and J. J. Norton. Yesterday they appeared before the board and their licenses were renewed until July 4. Mr. C. J. Hubbard, Peter Soden, Thomas H. Swope, A. K. Sweet and A. E. White, property owners in the block and opposed to saloons, appeared before the commissioners and stated that they were willing for the board to grant these two renewals, provided all would be discontinued in July.

Hannon & Dixon, who have at present a saloon at 922 Main street, asked for a license for six months at 910 Main street. In the application they stated that it was for a removal. The commissioners, however, believing the firm would ask that the license be dated from the expiration of the present license, refused to grant it. Mr. Hannon last night admitted that such was the case. He said that if licenses for saloons in that block could be obtained after July 4, he wanted one. "I have had no talk with the commissioners," he said, "and do not know what they will do about the matter. The property owners generally want the saloons removed. There are a few who don't care, but I know of none who will work to have them retained."

Mr. Wiley O. Cox, one of the police commissioners, said: "I will be governed in the matter by the wishes of the property owners, and I believe they are all opposed to having saloons there. The board has the absolute power of granting or refusing licenses without regard to the wishes of anyone, and while I can not speak for the other members, I suppose they also will be guided by the wishes of the property owners. No official action has been taken declaring that licenses in the block will not be renewed after July, but it is a general understanding that such will be the case. Unless there is a great change in the sentiment of the property owners it is quite certain there will be no saloons in the block after that date."

Nearly 100 saloon licenses were renewed by the board yesterday. Only one was refused. The "Homo Hun" saloon, at the corner of Indiana avenue and Fifteenth street, was refused a renewal, it being reported to the commissioners that the house was a disorderly one. There are now 26 saloons in the city, which is a decrease of fifty during the year.

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