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Flagrant operations of Vancouver's bookmaking ring has led to an almost complete closing of the illegal gambling, according to an announcement by Chief Constable John Cameron this morning.

Bickering and ~~mutual~~ cut-throat competition have been responsible for almost open warfare between the faction of the ring, it is stated, with the result that the police were being blamed for failing to ~~which~~ close such illegal places.

So far authorities have been unable to secure sufficient evidence to force closing of the wire service obtained by the ring to forward information direct from the race tracks in the United States to this city.

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But pressure brought to bear by police during the last week, states Chief Cameron, has been sufficient to force the closing of the majority of bookmaking ~~establishments~~ establishments throughout the city. And a continuation of the pressure will probably result in the closing of those now operating within a short time.

With regard to bootlegging, other forms of gambling and vice, Chief Cameron declared that it had been reduced to a minimum during the last few ~~many~~ weeks. He pointed out the impossibility of closing the town completely and declared that the best the police could hope to do would be to keep the illegal traffic at a minimum.

On the convictions of several men for white slavery during the past ~~many~~ few months rests a great deal of the responsibility for the reduction in vice, according to Chief Cameron.

Both women and men had been forced to leave the city as a result of the convictions, he declared, while others have practically suspended their operations.

Bootlegging establishments have also been ~~many~~ reduced to

~~minimum~~ The few "haints" now operating are receiving the careful

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attention of police.

A few ~~gambling~~ gambling resorts are still operating and police are striving to secure sufficient evidence to obtain convictions against the operators. Should such evidence be obtained, the operators will be forced out of business through the courts.