

EUNICE DISTRICT OPPOSE ALIEN FOR FERRYMAN

Vigorous Protest is to be Sent in to the Provincial Government

EUNICE, Alberta, June 7.—A vigorous protest signed by a number of the settlers of Eunice and vicinity (against the appointment of a German, Austrian or a "Swiss," as the nationality varies, as ferryman to operate the new ferry crossing the Pembina river in Township 62 at the 5th meridian,) will soon be handed Mr. John Stocks, deputy minister of public works. Exception might be taken to the use of the name "Swiss" by those not familiar with the amusing fact that the Germans in this vicinity have suddenly vanished and "Swiss" have cropped up in their stead. So much so that one might be led to believe that the boss genl of the Arabian Nights had passed this way and got in his work.

However, the people of the district appreciate the ferry and so do the 300 or more souls in the Shoal Lake district who have hitherto been forced to go a distance of about thirty miles around to do their trading at Westlock, where now, by the use of the new ferry, they are able to reach Eunice in about a fifteen-mile haul.

Mr. Chambers, of the irrigation and water rights division of the department of the interior, is the guest of Mr. L. du Duit and his daughter Eunice, this week.

Mr. Chambers is looking over Lake Geall to determine the advisability of draining same to Pembina river, which would open up a large tract of hay and agricultural land much in demand in this location, especially the hay land, as the cattle industry has reached such proportions that the district seems to be confronted with a hay problem. It is hoped, however, that the government will soon wake up to the situation and install a system of ditches which is much needed in the "Big Meadows" immediately south of this place and which consist of several thousand acres of valuable hay land.