

SUGGEST ALIENS TO WORK ON VACANT LAND

Assinibola municipality would like its vacant lands cultivated by aliens, given a soldier's pay and a bonus. Councillor Isbister raised the question at the first meeting of the 1918 council. He fathered a motion, carried unanimously, asking for the appointment of a committee to secure the co-operation of the suburban municipalities around Winnipeg, and the Dominion and provincial governments to put the lands coming to the municipalities through tax sales to use as small farms and garden patches.

The government, he thought, might help finance a scheme to put aliens at the work of cultivating them, paying the holders \$1.10 a day, and at the end of the season give them a bonus, sufficiently to allow them to live comfortably. The committee appointed consisted of the reeve, Councillors Isbister, Bunting and Buchanan.

The matter of helping to increase the hog production also came before the council in a letter from the provincial department of agriculture, asking that conditions be made as favorable as possible in regard to health regulations for all residents who go in for pig keeping this year. The letter was filed for future reference.