

RUTHENIANS BACK EMPIRE

Manitoba Member Replies to Dixon and Rigg

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Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—A rebuke to F. G. Dixon and R. A. Rigg, members of the Legislature, who recently made anti-war and anti-registration speeches, was administered in the Legislature, yesterday, by T. D. Ferley, member for Gimli, who is of Ruthenian birth and the representative of the Legislature of a Ruthenian population.

Ferley declared that while some of the things said by the two members might be well enough in times of peace, they should not be uttered now. He declared the winning of the war was the paramount issue. The Ruthenian population in Canada came largely from Austria, a power with which Canada was now at war, but the Ruthenians were loyal to their adopted country. They had left Austria because they had been denied liberty, and coming here they had found the liberty they desired. Many of the young men were fighting beside the Canadians for the preservation of that liberty. Ruthenian farmers were aiding the patriotic movements and rumors that they were hostile and prepared for an uprising were absolutely false and malicious.

Jacques Parent, French member for Morris, could not understand the attitude of Messrs. Dixon and Rigg, in view of the fact that each have relatives in the army. He believed that if they gave the matter careful consideration, within fifteen days they would be in khaki.