

ALIENS A MENACE

William Bruce Complains of Conditions in Inwood District.

Some remarkable statements were made as to the conditions of things in the neighborhood of Broad Valley, north of Inwood, at the annual meeting of the Manitobite Stone Works, Ltd., held last night in the offices in the Kennedy building, by William Bruce, the president. In his address to the shareholders, Mr. Bruce stated that the company during the past year had not been in a position to execute any orders owing to the dangerous attitude of the aliens in the district. The directors, Mr. Bruce added, had not for the same reason ventured on a tour of inspection. Last year some of the property belonging to the company had been broken down and removed by the aliens resident in the neighborhood and the French foreman, who had been left in charge of the works, had been driven away. His wife and family, Mr. Bruce said, cannot be found, his homestead has been burned and his cattle have disappeared.

Representations had been made to the military authorities, according to Mr. Bruce, but they had refused to consider the sworn testimony of directors, who had declared that they had heard leading Austrian residents in the district say that they had held meetings at which it was decided not to allow Britishers to work in the district, as the country would soon be their own. Mr. Bruce announced that the Dominion government has been notified that a claim for damages will be made against the government as soon as the amount can be ascertained, for failure to supply protection for the works.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Bruce intimated that the failure of the authorities to deal with the situation is the result—at least in part—of the influence of the federal member for the district, who protects the aliens as a reward for their support of him in the election campaign. The statements of this member had, he said, been accepted by the militia department at Ottawa in preference to the affidavits offered by the directors of the company.