

ALIENS SHOULD BE DISFRANCHISED

Brandon Citizens Concur in the Opinion Expressed by War Veterans in Winnipeg

The resolution passed at the big convention of returned soldiers at Winnipeg calling upon the authorities to disfranchise all aliens, finds cordial endorsement among returned soldiers and other citizens of Brandon. The views of army and navy veterans in this district are very well known. Men engaged in public activities and who are in touch with local sentiment cordially endorsed the demand that aliens should be disfranchised during the war, and in some cases the demand is equally insistent that all alien enemy subjects should be dispossessed of their properties as well.

Having acted in the capacity of returning officer in Brandon's municipal campaign for many years, City Clerk Harry Brown voiced the prevailing sentiment in an interview with *The Sun* this morning. "I certainly do agree with the views expressed at Winnipeg," said Mr. Brown, and he continued: "I do not see why the foreign element should be allowed to hold the balance of power in municipal elections as they do at present. It seems absolutely ridiculous and an outrage that foreigners should hold supreme power while our fellows are away fighting for our national existence. Under existing conditions, when our men are away our natural enemies have the power to control our municipal, provincial and federal elections. I certainly would disfranchise them and even go further and dispossess all alien enemies of their property as well."

"Why," Mr. Brown continued, "it is thoroughly well-known that the foreign residents of this city are going to hold up the farmers for an impossible wage. It was very pleasing indeed to hear Ald. Bullock saying last week that the foreigners should not be allowed to hold up the city for high wages. The position taken by Ald. Bullock is certainly right, and worthy of general support."

Attempt Exploitation

Alderman A. E. Bullock, chairman of the Brandon Board of Works, who is taking a strong stand against the attempt by foreigners to exploit the citizens by holding out for an excessive rate of wages while our men have sacrificed everything offering their services to the Empire in the present world crisis, strongly supported the contention that aliens should be disfranchised.

"There is absolutely no reason, to my mind," why they should not be disfranchised. They don't know what they are voting for, to start with. The majority of them are unable to read or write, and should be deprived of their right to vote until they become educated. Apart from other considerations which are especially applicable at the present time, it seems to me that the educational test should be applied, and until they learn how to be able to vote, they should not be allowed to do so," said Ald. Bullock.