

19,331 ALIENS OF ENEMY BIRTH OR EXTRACTION HERE

Close Military Surveillance Is Maintained Over Foreigners In Winnipeg

Winnipeg has within its gates 19,331 men of enemy birth or extraction over which a close military surveillance is maintained continuously.

At the foot of Colony street, near the Assiniboine river, is an unpretentious house known as the alien registration depot. Every one of these 19,331 appears there once a month, some of them once a week and still others once a day to have their registration cards revised.

Of this number the great majority, 18,824, are Austrians, most of them from the provinces of Bukowina and Galicia. There are only 450 Germans, 34 Turks and 23 Bulgarians.

A registered alien is not permitted to leave the city without a passport from the military authorities. This he exhibits to railroad officials or police whenever he is required to produce it, and it guarantees his safety from molestation.

Captain W. G. Davidson, in charge of alien registration, said on Thursday that very little trouble is encountered with the registered men.

They report regularly and seem glad enough to follow the rules and be left alone, he declared.