

# DEMAND FOR LABOR ON FARMS EXCEEDS PREVIOUS YEARS

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## Militia Department Appealed to for Assistance of Soldiers

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William Stapleton, district passenger agent of the C.N.R., is in the city in connection with two special trains which brought in over 700 people to attend the fair. One train brought in a big lot of people from Big Valley, Stettler and Camrose, the other coming from Vermilion.

Mr. Stapleton speaks in terms of extreme optimism of the crop outlook. Farmers have already commenced cutting wheat on the Goose Lake line and this will be general by the beginning of next week.

There is a big demand for labor and farmers are beginning to get nervous that their demands may not be met. In regard to this subject of the situation, very general approval is being expressed by the farming community at the action of the militia department in granting leave to soldiers who are desirous of working in the harvest fields.

Commanding officers are granting furloughs for a period of not exceeding one month. This privilege is granted to non-commissioned officers and men of good character and the furlough is only granted them to work in the harvest field and for no other reason and it will only be granted on proof being forthcoming that a promise of work has been actually obtained.

Farmers requiring help and desirous of obtaining soldiers can send in their requirements to the depots nearest their locations.