

# INDORSE PLAN FOR ALIENS TO DO FARM LABOR

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**Hon. Valentine Winkler and  
Louis Kon Say Prisoners' Help  
Will Solve Crop Problem**

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Hon. Valentine Winkler, minister of agriculture, and Louis Kon, provincial immigration inspector, hailed with joy today the intimation that interned aliens at Brandon may shortly be available for use on the farms during the coming summer.

"There is no reason," said Mr. Kon, "why a large number of these men should not be allowed to earn their own living. Many of them, I know, had themselves interned purposely, because they were out of work and in danger of starvation. Others are as harmless, and ten times less dangerous, than hundreds who are walking the streets today. During a moment of excitement, or while drunk, they might have given utterance to sentiments not in accord with Canadian citizenship, but they are not the kind of men who are dangerous if free.

### **Not Near Border**

"In the event of an official order from Ottawa I shall take steps to have the men placed on farms. Of course we will not place them close to the border, but in the interior of the province, where they will find it more pleasant to keep at work than to go wandering about in imminent danger of arrest."

Mr. Kon said he had made arrangements with foreign newspapers published in Winnipeg to insert a notice regarding the opening of a foreign labor registration bureau at the Main street office. This bureau will open its lists Monday morning and all foreigners who have a smattering of the English language and are willing to go to work on farms are invited to register their names.

### **Use Index System**

With a view of systematizing this registration each man will be tabulated in a card index system. Each individual card will contain full information regarding the man for whom it is made out.

It is expected that about 3,000 men will be taken from the streets of Winnipeg and put on Manitoba farms by means of this registration. Mr. Kon does not expect more than 700 men will be available at Brandon, as the balance of those interned are enemies whom it would be dangerous to set free.