

ALIEN LABOR MAY BE USED ON FARMS

Department of Justice, However, Has Not Yet Decided the Matter

Ottawa, April 5.—The Morning Citizen says: "The announcement from Winnipeg that aliens are to be employed in harvesting in the west is apparently premature, although the matter has been considered here between Hon. Robert Rogers as representing the west and the department of justice. The farmers of the prairie provinces are very short of help, partly as a consequence of the heavy enlistments of men from those provinces for overseas service, and an effort has been made to work out a system under which a large number of interned aliens now in the various concentration camps can be used as farm laborers. The principal difficulty has been as to the means for preventing the escape of these men after they have been distributed over the wheat area. It is expected, however, that an arrangement of some kind will be reached whereby these men will be available for spring work."