

FEWER HELD IN CAMPS

Many Enemy Aliens Employed on Farms

Ottawa, March 7.—There are now 2,646 persons of enemy nationality held in internment camps in Canada, as compared with 7,751 in November last.

The falling off in the number of prisoners is due to the release of a number whose detention was considered unnecessary, and who were able to find employment on farms or elsewhere. The 2,646 still detained include a number of men who were taken off enemy ships and others held after investigation to be too dangerous to be at large. They comprise 1,501 Germans, 1,125 Austrians and 10 Bulgarians.

There have been 18 internment camps in the Dominion, three in Alberta, five in British Columbia, one in Manitoba, two in Nova Scotia, five in Ontario and two in Quebec. In view of the reduction in the number of prisoners it is now possible to reduce the number of camps by six.

Last summer interned prisoners were employed in the making of roads in the National Park and were paid for their work. This year the interned men will be utilized for this, for other necessary work and also in farming operations where they are needed.