

ALIEN ENEMIES MAY CLEAR UP NEW LAND

Germans and Austrians May be Used to Clear Land Along Transcontinental Ry.

Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman of the Conservation Commission of Quebec, made an offer to-day on behalf of the Quebec Government to the Dominion, placing at its disposal the lands along the route of the National Transcontinental railway. The proposal is that Austrian and other aliens of enemy nationality should be set to work to clear these lands of the timber and prepare them for cultivation.

It is expected that when the land is cleared these Austrians will be allowed to settle on the land. Thus a strip of that great country through which the N. T. R. runs will be populated with good citizens.

The proposal is being discussed to-day with Sir William Otter and Hon. C. J. Doherty. It is excellent land and suitable for the production of wheat or any other general farm crop. The suggestion will in all likelihood be adopted.

A feature of the registration of alien enemies has been that the Austrians did not know they were enemies of this country until they were told. They declare to a man that they are not enemies. The Germans, on the other hand, were found to be better informed as to the situation.