

PRISONERS OF WAR WILL BE GIVEN WORK

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 11--The German and Austrian prisoners of war in Canada, will be moved next week to their prospective work at Petewawa, in clearing land for experimental farm purposes along the line of the National Transcontinental Railway, in Ontario and Quebec. Arrangements are now being made for supplies of warm winter clothing, etc., for the two thousand or so men who will be thus employed. In Ontario the experimental farm to be cleared will be in the vicinity of Hearst on the N. T. R. In Quebec from 400 to 500 men will be set at work near Parent in building a forty mile road, through the bush, to connect with the roads to the South. Government officials have gone to the prospective camp to make the necessary preliminary arrangements. Each camp will be under the supervision of a militia officer with a guard of from 50 to 100 men.

There will be an adequate medical and clerical staff and a police force to preserve order, at each camp. The men in the camp will be under military discipline, but the government has no desire to treat the prisoners as active enemies of the country and they will be given all the consideration, compatible with adequate discipline, under the circumstances. A small wage will be paid but only about sufficient to buy tobacco. The work of clearing the land is planned on a scale, which will keep the men at work for a year or so. The train service on the National Transcontinental, necessary to bring in supplies etc., will be operated by the Intercolonial Board of Management.