WAR PRISONERS SENT TO THE NORTH TO CLEAR LANDS.'

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The first movement of alien enemies to Petawa military camp where they will be put at work during the winter months commenced Wednesday when 100 Austrians Germans left Montreal for the north, while a similar number were taken from Kingston.

Six hundred more will be sent to this camp, making 800 in all. It is expected that by the time the snow goes, it will be in good shape for military manoeuvres.

The plan arranged with the Quebec government to send several hundred of the alien enemy north to clear arable lands along the N.T.R. will soon be put into effect. The district chosen for this work lies around Parent, a station 250 miles west of Quebec, where a large tract of land will be cleared. Several hundred men will be put to work in this district within the next fortnight. They will be given an opportunity to settle on the cleared land when the war is over should they desire to do so.

One of the questions which Premier Hearst took up here with Sir Robert Borden and his government, was the employment of prisoners of war in clearing government land for settlement. The Ontario government appreciates the value of the plan which the Quebec government adopted with real force.

It has great areas of land which can be profitably cleared and turned into sound agricultural area, and wants to have its full share of German and Austrian prisoners of war for this work.

Premier Hearst is understood to have made some enquiries into the attitude of the authorities toward the three German professors who have been given a war vacation with pay by the governors of the Toronto University.

They are not likely to be required to report to the alien registration offices, and it is not likely that their departure from the country will be forbidden.