

AUSTRIANS TO TILL SOIL

Interned Aliens To Be Instructed In Agriculture.

Lieut. Clegg, here on leave from the prison camp at Kapuskasing, believes that interned Austrians may become farmers.

With 60 acres of the experimental farm ready for cultivation, the aliens will receive a demonstration of the possibilities of the fertile land of the clay belt.

Forty enquiries have been received unto date from the Austrians about the method to be followed to receive a land grant.

"They are beginning to see the possibilities of farming, and if a good crop is secured from the land which will be under cultivation this year a considerable number in addition may desire to become tillers of the soil."

said Lieut Clegg. "Kapuskasing is 50 miles south of the latitude of Winnipeg, and the weather is more severe there than at the Camp. Since clearing operations have been in progress we have noticed colder weather, or at least more wind than before the clearing was begun."

Speaking of the agricultural possibilities of the region around Kapuskasing, which is in the centre of the famous clay belt of Northern Ontario, Lieut. Clegg stated that wheat of excellent quality was grown there last year demonstrating that the climate was suitable for agricultural purposes. The straw was fully three and a half feet high, he said, and the heads of wheat were fairly large and matured.

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