

# GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER PLAN AS AID TO PLANTING

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Turns Down Suggestion 'Farm  
Out' Interned Aliens At  
Brandon Prisons

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## FARMERS REFUSE RISK

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May Ask U.S. Immigration Au-  
thorities to Assist During  
Seeding Season

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Women are now offering to take the place of men on Manitoba farms. The provincial department of agriculture has received a number of letters from women residents of Winnipeg in which the writers declare their willingness to help in seeding operations if the farmers are unable to obtain men for such work. The question is being considered by the department.

Every effort is being made by Hon. Valentine Winkler and his deputy, Archibald MacMillan, to solve the problem of help for the farmers during the forthcoming seeding season.

### Turn Down Aliens

One matter which was under consideration was the suggestion that interned aliens at Brandon be "farmed out." The suggestion has finally been turned down. It was held by a number of authorities approached that few farmers would care to take the risk of having their buildings burned down by an alien enemy who might be sent to work for them. The aliens could not be sent to work under guard, because, if soldiers could be spared for the purpose of guard-

ing prisoners, the same soldiers would be used as laborers.

### Seek U. S. Aid

Special endeavors are being put forward by provincial immigration agents in the United States with a view to obtaining Americans for the spring season. Wages, according to the department officials, will run from \$25 to \$45 a month and board. At the present time, however, there are on file in the department more than 100 applications for "extra good, highly-experienced men," to whom \$50 a month and board is offered for seeding operations.

The efforts of the immigration men in the States are already bearing fruit. Today Deputy MacMillan received a number of letters from farmers' sons in Iowa and Nebraska asking particulars regarding conditions of employment and other information useful to prospective immigrants.

### Winnipeg Girl Writes

One letter received by the minister from a Winnipeg girl was especially notable.

The applicant is a stenographer. She has had to quit office work because of weak eyes. She is fond of horses, she says, and would willingly work on a farm for \$25 a month and her board. She declares herself quite capable of handling a seeder or doing any other kind of work required during the spring season. She will hire out to "any decent farmer" who needs her help. Many other letters along similar lines have been received. The applicants will be given a chance to make good if any farmer wishes to hire them.