

AGITATORS SEEK TO RUIN CROP IN WEST

**Six Members of I.W.W. Already
Under Arrest—Creating
Distrust in Fields.**

Western Canada is threatened by an invasion of I. W. W.'s!

Initial information regarding the menace was given yesterday by J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration.

More than six arrests have already been made. The men were found attempting to create agitation in the harvest fields.

It is also charged that they have been very active in encouraging their fellowmen to cross the border line and seek employment in Canada.

Held in the West.

The arrested men are being held in Saskatchewan and Alberta, at what points immigration officials will not say.

Steps are being taken to prevent any more men crossing the border and inspectors have been given special orders to maintain a close watch all along the line.

Probably the first Industrial Workers of the World membership book in Winnipeg is in the hands of Mr. Walker this morning. It was the former property of Thomas Calahan, of the agricultural workers' division, lodge No. 400. His number was 750050. He had paid up membership until Sept. 1 and there is nothing to show at what point the form was issued. All facts by which his origin might be traced are carefully concealed by the use of numbers.

Bill Aimed at I.W.W.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A bill directed at the activities of the I.W.W. making utterance of disloyal language a felony, was introduced today by Senator Myers and referred to the Judiciary committee. The measure would penalize utterance of any "disloyal, scurrilous, contemptuous, slurring, abusive or seditious language" about the government, constitution, president, army, navy or flag, or the utterance of any other language calculated to bring the government or the president into contempt or scorn or which might incite resistance to state or national authority, with a fine or from \$500 to \$5,000 and imprisonment of from six months to five years.