

HARVEST HELP CROWD BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT

**Two Thousand Seven Hundred
Men Have Gone to Farms
—“Home Laborers First”**

James Burke, head of the employment department of the Manitoba department of agriculture and immigration, in the ten days which his office has been open for business in the Industrial bureau, has sent out 2,755 of Winnipeg's unemployed to work on farms in various parts of the province. A few women are included in this number.

Since this bureau was opened on July 25, it has been thronged with men of all nationalities. Those who come under the designation of alien enemies are called upon to produce their permits from the Alien Registration office before receiving employment.

Away From Border

When a job is given a laborer of Austrian or German nationality, he is located in some district away from the American boundary. Not a man so far sent out claims to be other than an experienced farm hand. The majority of the men have been able to pay fares, Mr. Burke declares. This is one cent a mile.

Mr. Burke declares that his office is dealing with none but residents of Manitoba, either in the matter of laborers, or employers of labor. No man is sent to a job outside of the province, and all applications for farm help, received from other than Manitoba farmers are turned over to the city free employment bureau, or other organization.

Jobs For All

“We want to give every idle man in Manitoba a job, and every short-handed farmer a man,” Mr. Burke asserted.

With a view to obtaining accurate information as to what help will be needed in the province for harvest, the department of agriculture has sent out a circular to the reeve of every municipality, asking him to co-operate with his councillors in taking a complete census of the number of laborers required in the respective municipalities.

Women Are Wanted

The female help problem is a difficult one, right at the present time and Mr. Burke says there are one thousand farmers in the province urgently in need of this class of labor. There seems to be a dearth of women willing to work on farms in Winnipeg, and other cities of the province.