

DECIDE ON SITE OF EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Prisoners of War Will be Put to Work to Clear up the Land

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Premier Hearst announced this morning that a site on the Kawakasing River in the township of O'Brien, half way between Hearst and Cochrane, on the Trans-continental, has been selected for the new experimental farm which is to be cleared by the labor of prisoners of war pursuant to an agreement reached between the Federal and the Provincial Governments.

Mr. W. F. Whitson, of the Colonization Branch of the Department of Lands, has left for the north and will meet the first batch of prisoners at Cochrane tomorrow. The first lot will be small and their time will be occupied in putting up shelters for those to follow. While this preliminary work is being done, the men will live in colonial cars. The prisoners will be all taken from Kingston.

The new farm will be about a thousand acres in extent. It lies in the heart of the clay belt. The land is rather thickly wooded and it will be the duty of the prisoners to clear it and to take out any timber of commercial value.

The work of clearing and burning up the brush will, of course, have to be left till the spring, but the timber will all be removed before the end of the winter.