

# *Alien Enemies in Northern Quarters*

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Mr. Whitson, who has charge of the northern development branch of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, was in Toronto for Christmas. He has been busy getting the prisoners housed at the new experimental farm, which the Dominion Government is constructing on the Transcontinental with the aid of the labor of alien enemies.

Hon. Mr. Hearst, discussing the matter this morning, said that the prisoners were all housed. According to Mr. Whitson, many of them had readily adapted themselves to work in the bush. The Prime Minister explained that Mr. Whitson had only been loaned to the Dominion Government for a short time, as they did not have a man available who was conversant with conditions in Northern Ontario. The farm will be wholly under the direction of the Dominion authorities. The Provincial Department of Agriculture has no interest in the work which will be conducted on the farm except to the extent that the two Departments of Agriculture, the Provincial and the Federal, work largely in harmony.