

EAST IS ON GUARD TO BLOCK ALIENS ON HARVEST TRIPS

Great precautions are being taken by railway and military authorities in the east to prevent Austrian and Germans from coming west on the harvest excursions. It is feared that enemy aliens brought to the west might do considerable damage to standing crops by setting fire to them, or in other ways, and for this reason the officials decided to exercise all precautions. Harvest excursion tickets are not being sold to aliens and all holders of tickets are carefully inspected before being allowed to board the harvest train.

In some few cases aliens have succeeded in boarding the trains with tickets bought under assumed names, but these little schemes were soon discovered and the men were taken back under military guard to detention camps in Ontario and Quebec. Local authorities state that they have experienced no trouble with alien harvesters here.

More than 2,500 harvest excursionists from Ontario and the Maritime provinces are on their way to Winnipeg and will reach this city either tonight or tomorrow. Three special excursion trains on the C.P.R. are bringing 2,000 men from Toronto and adjacent points, while another special is carrying 500 men from the Maritime provinces.