

# DISCUSS DETAILS OF CAMP AID SCHEME

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## Transportation Arrangements Settled at Meeting in Win- nipeg on Saturday

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## DOMINION GOV'T MAY PAY

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## Farmers Must Engage Intern- ed Aliens for Seven-Month Periods and Give Cur- rent Wage Rate

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Winnipeg, April 9.—An important meeting in connection with the proposal to release a large number of interned aliens from detention camps in order that they may aid farmers in agricultural operations of the present year was held on Saturday afternoon in the office of the commissioner of immigration here, J. Bruce Walker, who presided. Those present at the conference included Major-General Sir William D. Otter, K.C.B., who is in general charge of the detention camps of the Dominion; George A. Walton, and Ralph G. McNeillie, general passenger agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Osborne Scott, assistant general passenger agent of the Canadian Northern; W. E. Duperow, assistant general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific; R. MacKenzie, of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; George Munroe, president of the western section of the Canadian Bankers' Association, and W. H. McWilliams, of the Grain Exchange.

At the meeting many details in connection with the release of interned aliens were discussed. It was arranged that, as the list of available men in the camp at Brandon was exhausted, special trains would be operated from Cochrane west and, if necessary, 2,000 men would be brought from the camps near that place to Brandon. If it should seem desirable, the cost of this transportation may be borne by the Federal Government.

Farmers getting men from Brandon must advance a minimum sum of \$2, which all aliens will be asked to pay for transportation. The rate to be charged by the railway will be one cent a mile from the outward journey, with a minimum of \$2 as stated. Farmers using this labor will be required to take each man for a period of seven months, to pay the current rate of wages, which must include

board and lodging, and to report once a month to the commandant of the camp. Cases of desertion must be reported at once. Farmers wanting this help are advised to make the trip to Brandon, but in certain cases the arrangements can be made by mail. Tickets at one cent a mile will be available up to May 31.

Sir William Otter will visit the camps at Vernon, Lethbridge and Banff and will then go to Cochrane to visit the camps there.