

FARM JOBS AVAILABLE, BUT NOT MUCH WANTED

1,000 Hired Men Asked For, But
Not Many Unemployed
are Going.

Ontario farmers want 1,000 hired men, according to Mr. Robert Birmingham, local immigration inspector, and men are being brought across the Atlantic to supply the need. With the spring break-up coming, farm hands are beginning to be needed urgently. The farmers are willing to pay wages of from \$10 to \$20 a month, according to the qualifications of the men. There are still several thousand unemployed in Toronto, and these do not appear to be taking to farming in very great numbers.

Opinions differ as to the reason for this. "It seems to me," said Mr. Birmingham, "that a good many of these unemployed do not want the hard work of farm life. They don't want to get up at dawn and work through till after dark."

Mr. Edwin Dickie, manager of the Civic Employment Bureau, thinks that there is another side to the question. "One of the chief difficulties," he said, "has been that the farmers do not seem to want inexperienced men. On one occasion I had Major Fraser take 49 unemployed men to the Immigration Office, all of whom were willing to work on farms. Only nine of them knew enough about farming to be accepted. The rest did not get jobs.

The grasping spirit of many of the farmers was another reason. "Some of them," said Mr. Dickie, "would only offer to pay \$5 a month. A man can hardly be blamed for declining to work under those conditions."