

MANY REQUESTS FOR WORKERS FOR FARMS

Dominion Immigration Office is Filling Numerous Situa- tions

WEEK'S GOOD RECORD

Department at Ottawa Well Satisfied With Results Obtained

Last week was one of the best which the Dominion Immigration Bureau at the Union Station has had and Special Inspector Banford stated that it would have been still better had the supply of men been composed of experienced farm hands or even had they all been able to speak English. In addition to inexperience, ignorance of the language has been one of the difficulties with which the bureau has had to contend in sending out men. "There is no use," Mr. Banford said this morning, "in filling the order of a farmer for help with a man who does not know the work and speaks a tongue which his employer cannot understand."

In spite of the handicap in this particular, 89 men were last week sent to good positions on Ontario farms from the bureau at the Union Station, and this was for four days only, Inspector Banford having had to go to Ottawa on Thursday night on business connected with his office. On Monday the 18th nineteen men were sent out, on the 19th twenty-seven were located; on the 20th an even twenty, and on the 21st twenty-three were placed in jobs.

Department Satisfied.

The department at Ottawa is well satisfied with what the bureau has accomplished and is accomplishing and expresses gratification at the outlook for activity in the agricultural districts in the spring.

"Of that activity," Inspector Banford said this morning, "there cannot be much doubt. The farmers are bestirring themselves and the acreage under cultivation this coming season will be large. The producers of food stuffs are looking forward to a brisk market for all they can raise and they are getting assistance so as to make as full a demand as possible on the soil. You can see for yourself how the applications for help are coming in," and he pointed to a mass of correspondence in front of him which included letters from every part of rural Ontario, the extreme northern districts as well as the west and east, in which requests for good, and if not experienced, then partially experienced men, were made.

Provincial Office.

The Ontario Immigration Department on Front street east has been more than usually busy of late in receiving applications for positions as laborers in the farming districts and in filling the demands for men sent in by farmers. The reduction of the railway rate to one cent for laborers sent out to farm work by the department has been of much assistance in establishing men in jobs. A considerable number of men have recently been sent north to help in clearing land which is being got ready for cultivation.