

GERMAN FARMERS PLAN FORMATION OF NEW COLONY

Those Interested Fled From Canada to Escape Internment

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OTTAWA, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from Seattle telling of an alleged plan of 1,000 Canadian farmers of German birth or ancestry to found a farm colony near Santa Fe, New Mexico, and name it Hindenburg, inspired an expression of doubt today from the Dominion department of justice.

The dispatch said that the colonists were expelled from Canada at the outbreak of the war or fled to escape internment and found refuge in Seattle, Bellingham, Tacoma and other cities of the northwest.

"We have expelled no German farmers, except perhaps occasionally one who would be classed as undesirable," was an assertion made by the department today. "Some have fled to escape internment possibly, but not many. Some have been warned and then sent back to their farms. Very few have been interned. Most of them are too busy with the harvest to create much trouble even if they were inclined to do so. On the whole, the German farmer of the west has been well behaved."