

# WAUGH LEAVES TO PLEAD FOR ALIENS TO CLEAR FARMS

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Accompanied by Premier T. C. Norris, Mayor Waugh is on the way to Ottawa today to interview the federal authorities in regard to a proposal to employ alien prisoners now interned at Brandon for the purpose of clearing forty-acre farms along the Greater Winnipeg water district right-of-way and erecting shacks on each farm. The idea is to prepare ready-made farms for returned soldiers, or other acceptable settlers and to place these men on the land under circumstances that would not entail the usual hardships that confront ordinary settlers.

Premier Norris is an enthusiastic advocate of the idea and has promised the mayor his whole-hearted support.

Though the authorities refuse to give out any official figures, there are now about 1,000 aliens at the Brandon detention camp. These men would be paid a nominal wage for their work of clearing the farms.

The Greater Winnipeg water district has not yet been declared a colonization road, which would entitle it to a dominion land grant, but an effort will be made to secure the land grant even under the present circumstances of the operation of the line as a tramway.

His Worship expects to be away from the city for a week or ten days.