

WORK IS PROVIDED FOR INTERNED MEN

More Than Thousand Released to Labor in Plants and Mines

SOME ENGAGED IN ROCKIES

More Will be Employed Should Labor Shortage Con- tinue

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Ottawa, June 30.—Over a thousand prisoners have now been released from the Canadian internment camps to work in munitions factories, coal mines, etc. Recently some four hundred prisoners at Spirit Lake were released for work in the Cape Breton coal mines. So many miners have enlisted for active service that the companies were faced with the possibility of having to close down part of their mines. There would have been at least a serious shortage in coal if the Government had not released these prisoners. They are to be paid \$2 a day and must report regularly through the companies.

In addition to these men released for mine work, there are some working in Sault Ste. Marie steel plants, while many are employed at various points in munition manufacture. It is the policy of the internment officers to release these men only for the manufacture of munitions, mining or other pressing work.

In addition to these released prisoners, some five hundred are working in the Canadian parks in the Rockies cleaning and making roads. Before the summer is over, if the shortage of labor continues, more prisoners probably will be released although there are certain men, principally Germans, who are regarded as dangerous and will be kept in confinement until the war is over. The total number of prisoners is now roughly five thousand.