

OVER MILLION FARMS SURVEYED IN WEST

VAST ROOM FOR NEW FARMERS —ALIEN ENEMIES STILL GET HOMESTEADS.

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)

Ottawa, March 28.—The vast potential resources of Western Canada for accommodating new farmers and for providing homes for the demobilized troops and the first war tide of immigration are indicated by figures contained in the annual report of the Interior Department.

The total area of surveyed land in the West is now 176,260,225 acres, or 1,101,621 farms of 160 acres each. Last year new land blocked out and surveyed totalled 2,221,280 acres, or 13,813 farms of 160 acres each. The year before 3,112,640 acres of new land were surveyed, equivalent to 19,454 quarter-section farms.

It is of special interest to note in view of the war that hundreds of homesteads in the West are still going to men of allent enemy birth. The total number of homestead entries last year was 11,199. Of these entries 735 were made by Austro-Hungarians and 75 by Germans. In 1916 there were 170 homestead entries by Germans, 1,745 by Austro-Hungarians, 4 by Turks and 4 by Bulgarians. Entries by American citizens last year totalled 1,469.

MANY FARMERS COMING TO CANADIAN WEST

NEARLY ALL HAVE CONSIDER- ABLE MEANS—MANY BUYING IMPROVED FARMS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, March 28.—Despite restrictions due to the war, the immigration authorities report a considerable movement of United States farmers into the three Western Prairie Provinces. They come from all parts of the Western States and are practically without exception men possessed of considerable means. Homestead lands being practically exhausted, the newcomers are purchasing farms, in many cases improved farms.

VETERANS SEE MINISTERS.

Conferences Have Been in Progress For Several Days.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, March 28.—Representatives of the Great War Veterans' Association had a further conference with members of the Government today. The conferences have been in progress for several days.