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Ottawa, October 8 - Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Immigration, announces that up to noon today 7,876 openings for winter employment have been found for British harvesters. Of this number 4,255 are for farm work, 3499 for lumbering and bush work, while a limited number of places have been found in other branches of industry.

Recently it was announced by the minister that his departments were co-operating with the transportation companies, the Canada Colonization Company, The Federal and Provincial Employment Services, Boards of Trade and other representative bodies in finding employment for the thousands of temporary harvest workers from the Old Land who desire to remain in Canada. As a practical contribution to this undertaking the Soldier Settlement Board organization was made available to assist these bodies in their common objective. Close co-ordination was first established among all the agencies to prevent overlapping of effort. The field staff of the Board has undertaken a complete canvass of employment opportunities and the above figures are furnished by the Board as the result of the first eight days canvass.

The openings for employment by districts are:: Toronto, 3000, of which 2000 are bush and 1000 farm jobs; Vinnipeg 338; Regina 593; Saskatoon 325; Prince Albert 650; Calgary 591; Edmonton 2,259; Vernon 120.

The canvass discloses a real demand for farm labour at \$15.00 to \$40.00 per month and Board according to experience, and for help in the lumbering camps at from \$40.00 to \$50.00 a month and Board. Demands in other industries are limited. The canvass is continuing.

The minister desires that openings be found for every harvester who is willing to work and wishes to make his home in Canada. The result of the canvass to date indicates that his objective will be reached.

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