

STARTING WORK ON NEW LISKEARD FARM

Government to Demonstrate Best Methods of Agriculture

**Prisoners Will Do Work in Connection With Fort William Jail Farm
—Hardy Fruits and Vegetables to be Secured for Demonstration.**

Plans have been completed for a hundred-acre demonstration farm in New Liskeard, in connection with which the Government will establish an agricultural high school and afford students practical training. Seventy acres were given by the town of New Liskeard and the remaining thirty were purchased by the Government. The farm is situated on the outskirts of the town, and is well adapted for the purpose for which it has been set apart.

Mr. C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, states that the farm buildings will be erected on up-to-date lines so as to be an object lesson. Work will be started in the spring. Efforts will be made to demonstrate the best methods of agriculture for that part of Ontario. Live stock raising will be encouraged. A herd of purebred cattle will be sent to the farm, and purebred stock of other kinds will be given special attention.

Year of Building.

This year's work, it is announced, will be chiefly confined to erecting buildings, fences and getting the land ready for fall seeding. Next year it is proposed to erect a live stock and seed-judging pavilion, which will be used during the winter for giving short courses in agriculture for adult farmers. It will also be used for the training of students attending the school and gymnasium and meeting places for the people of the district.

The farm operations will be superintended by Mr. W. G. Nixon, B.S.A., District Representative for Timiskaming, who is located at New Liskeard.

Demonstration fields of clover will be planted on fifty-acre plots at Mathieson, Cochrane and Hearst.

Plant-breeding Expert.

Further development of New Ontario agriculture is provided for in the appointment of Mr. W. R. Leslie, a graduate of the Manitoba Agricultural College, to take charge of the plant-breeding station at Fort William, which will be operated in connection with the jail farm there. The prisoners will do the work, the object of which is to study plant life suitable for New Ontario culture. Varieties of hardy fruits and vegetables will be secured from all parts of the world and crossed with hardy native shrubs and plants in order to produce vegetables and fruits that will give the best results in New Ontario. The station will co-operate with the District Representatives, who will put the material into the hands of reliable farmers to try it out.

Mr. Leslie will commence his duties on March 1st. He was formerly engaged in work for the Dominion Experimental Farm studying hardy fruits.