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Ready to Go

of telling how generally Alaska may be settled.
"We feel that as far as this pioneer group is concerned we are on
safe ground because there is a market for everything they can
raise, and we can have a decent standard of living. The organiza-
tion of this community will be of benefit alike to the isolated farmers
who are there now. We will have such a method."

"Not only will the families be pro-
vided with comfortable log houses
protected from the extreme cold of
the arctic winter and the monsoons of
the summer, but they will have
horsepower. The farms have been
laid out so that the houses will
be at the corners of the farms, form-
ging groups of four. We have
planned plans for a community center
with a community store, and there
is to be one industrial plant, a com-
bined cannery and canning.

Jersey Being Sold
"We are selling 300 head of Jer-
seys into Alaska, cows and bulls, as
the basis of our dairy herds. We
thought of Guernseys first but it
was the general impression the Jer-
seys could stand that extreme cold
better, and that is a good test of their
milk. The objectives were to raise
beef cattle for beef, and dairy cattle
for milk. We are going to keep a
plenty of chickens for a real farm
establishment."

The land is not worth much to-
today—$4 or $5 an acre—but we be-
lieve that over a period of years that
the land will go to $3,000 a family the
way we are doing it.
Every man must have felt the
urge to get up and go, to leave all
behind and plunge into the new land
that is so far away. That
these few Wisconsin men
and women and children pioneers are
doing. They are cutting trees
from everything that is near,
and near—friends and farms and
communities.

Theres should be a fascinating story to
write. I thrill in the anticipa-
tion of writing it.

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Leave for Alaska Within
Two Days; Reporter
for Journal to Write of
Their Trip

BY ARVILLE SCHRABER

Why is the United States government
spending $100,000 to transplant
200 northern Wisconsin, Michigan
and Minnesota families to an
Alaskan wilderness?

By Arville Schabber, "The Journal" Staff

The Journal has assigned me to report
their progress. I shall go with them to
Alaska and live with them in their
new homes. We shall record history,
not after it is made, but while it
is being made.

Mr. Hopkins said: "Alaska is
about the only unsettled country we
have. Now, we are driving over
the last frontier. Alaska is in the
same latitude as Sweden and Den-
mark, and it is possible that it may
develop into a dairy and agricul-
tural country, as those have done, because
Alaska is warmed by the
current while they are warmed by the
gulf stream. This is a great experi-
ment which we are undertaking. If our
people succeed there, there is unlimited
land being used in Alaska for agriculture.

It is true that the argument has
been made that some of the miners
who went broke in the Klondike
rush tried farming in this same
valley and could not make a go of it.
A few of them are there now, widely
scattered, but most of those who
failed were not farmers to start
with.

"We have selected young farmers
for this pioneer development—men
and women who come from pio-
neering stock, who are used to long,
cold winters and hardships. I do not
believe that they will find the mean
temperature there much different
from that they have been used to.

May Expansion?
"We selected Minnesota, Michi-
gan and Wisconsin as states from
which to move families for a num-
ber of reasons, one of them being
that in the copper and lumber re-
gions we have so many on relief.
However, we had over 5,000 appli-
cations for establishments on farms.
They came from every state in the Union, and if this exper-
iment is successful there is no way
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