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PREMIER OUTLINES IMMIGRATION PLANS

Will Place Boys of Good British Stock on Government Farm at Guelph

Government activities in the field of agriculture were comprehensively reviewed yesterday by Premier Ferguson, when in the Legislature, he continued the debate on the Speech from the Throne. Government inspection and standardization of products, a new scheme of bringing out British boys as farm apprentices, a system of control over market exports, and other matters, were dealt with by the Premier under this head of information.

A great problem, agriculturally speaking, stated the Premier, had been the lack of standardization. It was his view that all Canadian products and articles should have a stamp on them to indicate both origin and quality, and those that came under that stamp should be recognized as "Government inspected."

Dealing with the question of agricultural immigration, Premier Ferguson emphasized his view that the properly trained British boy is the best contribution to the citizenship of Ontario that the Province possibly could bring here. Speaking of negotiations which he had entered into with the British Government, and which are nearing completion, the Premier declared that it was proposed to bring here English boys of good families, between the ages of 14 and 17 years — boys whose parents would not allow them to come to Canada under institutional direction, but who willingly enough would permit them to be brought out under Government supervision.

SEES PROVINCE INDEPENDENT OF FOREIGN COAL SUPPLY

Premier Ferguson Tells Legislature That Ontario and Alberta Governments Are Working Together in Endeavoring to Solve Transportation Problem

Premier Ferguson, before the Legislature yesterday, painted a glowing picture of the future fuel situation of the Province, stating that it would not be long before Ontario would be independent entirely of foreign supply of coal.

At the instance of A. Belanger (Liberal, Russell) the Premier briefly reviewed negotiations which, in the past, the Government has conducted with the Province of Alberta and the Canadian National Railways in respect of hauling Alberta coal to relieve the shortage caused here by the recent anthracite strike in the United States. Ten thousand tons of the last 50,000 shipment from Alberta already had reached the Province, and had been placed, he said, in 253 centres in an effort to provide the most equitable distribution possible. But, as the Government had anticipated some time

back, the point now had been reached where the railways no longer could see their way to co-operate with the Government to the same extent they had in the past. The Government, according to the Premier, undertook on its own initiative an inquiry with a view to having the Dominion Railway Board conduct a hearing and investigation of the whole coal-hauling situation. In this inquiry the Alberta Government had given every assistance. The application which he stated has now been granted by special Order-in-Council is aimed at a demonstration that coal still be brought into Ontario at the \$7 rate which prevailed in the case of the Alberta shipments, and, additionally, included the possibility of securing Nova Scotia coal in large quantities in the future.

"I'm glad to say to the House," said the Premier, "that our independence of foreign supply of fuel seems not far distant."