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Non-Political Probe To Assist Farmers Intimated by Henry

**Agriculture Committee Is
Likely to Open Inquiry
Along Lines Suggested
by Sinclair — Data
Sought for Legislation**

**FIRST MEETING
THIS MORNING**

Intimation was had yesterday from Premier George S. Henry that the Agriculture Committee, which begins its Legislature deliberations this morning—two weeks in advance of the other House committees—will probably function this session as an evidence-taking inquiry body, practically along the lines advocated by Liberal House Leader Sinclair in his "help for the farm and farmer" speech of Tuesday.

"We have had the matter under consideration for some time," said the Prime Minister, "and it is altogether likely that the committee will invoke its present powers to make investigations that will be of real benefit to the agriculturist."

Mr. Henry further intimated that farmers of districts particularly hard hit by the depression period—any one, in fact, who could throw some light on solutions of farm problems—might be asked to appear before the committee and state their cases, in the hope that the committee could make to the House, at an early date, recommendations that could be legislated into operation with the least possible delay.

Edgar Jamieson, Conservative member for Southwest Simcoe, will be named Chairman of the committee at today's organization conference. Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, will, it is expected, outline the new aims and objectives of the organization, and call for non-political co-operation in the furtherance of the same. Mr. Sinclair was added yesterday to the membership of the body.