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Advisory Board To Aid T. L. Kennedy Will Be Appointed

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WILL HELP SOLVE FARM PROBLEMS

Appointment immediately after the present session of the Ontario Legislature of an advisory board to aid Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, in the administration of his department and the general solving of present-day farm problems will be made by the Henry Government.

The board will probably comprise three members—one representative of the dairying industry; a second from the cattle, hog and sheep industries, and a third representing the poultry-raising business. The board will, it is understood, be absolutely non-political in composition and scope. At the present time the Government has no intention, it is said, of naming any member of the Legislature for a post with it.

Authority for the establishment of such a board is provided for in the Agricultural Associations Act, which has been on the statute books of the Province since 1914. It will function along lines similar to the Highways Advisory Board, with members of it receiving ample allowances for their time and for their necessary travelling expenses in attending meetings.

Although the Government has had this action under consideration for some months now, it was only yesterday that Colonel Kennedy made public the Government's intentions.

Patronage Motive Seen Behind Bill

Second reading of the bill to permit the appointment of two more County Judges in York and one each in Essex and Middlesex was given in the Legislature yesterday, and drew comments from William E. N. Sinclair, Liberal House Leader.

"The congestion which necessitated these appointments seems to have come about since the election of July 28," he observed. "The Attorney-General did not favor additional appointments before that date. But here are a new batch of appointments to be made by his friends at Ottawa. However, we will rely on Premier Bennett's promise that he will not make political appointments to the Bench. It does seem that the congestion in County Courts came at an opportune time. I trust the appointments will not all go to the Attorney-General's political friends."

Attorney-General Price explained that all the present Judges in the County of York, including Judge Denton, had signed the memorial asking for additional Judges.