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Province to Guarantee Bonds For Produce Terminal Market

A bill to establish a farm produce terminal market just west of the Toronto city limits to improve produce distribution, was one of more than 20 measures advanced in the Legislature yesterday. It was advanced through committee

stage. Agriculture Minister Col. T. L. Kennedy said the Province's financial interest in the undertaking was confined to guaranteeing the bonds. The terminal will be directed by a board of seven and will not affect any present businesses, the Minister said.

Eight bills, including the Co-operative Marketing Loan Act, received third reading.

The bill amending the Minimum Wage Act was given second reading. It will "establish a minimum wage for the prevailing weekly work period in the business of any employer or for any other working period which the Labor Board may establish." The bill provides minimum hourly rates for overtime and for those who work less than 40 hours a week.

Free Pre-Natal Examination Proposed in Kelley Measure

Prenatal medical examination free for any woman in Ontario is provided in a bill introduced yesterday in the Legislature by Health Minister Russell T. Kelley. To meet the cost, \$500,000 was provided in the Budget tabled by Provincial Treasurer Leslie Frost.

The objective of the legislation, Mr. Kelley explained, is to launch a drive to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates, to reduce the number of babies born with diseases or afflictions caused by prenatal disease in the mother, and to reduce disease generally. Medical authorities, he said, had told him that high blood pressure, kidney disorders and venereal disease in a mother often result in death or serious illness of either the mother or baby.

"We hope by this method, for which the physician will receive \$5 an examination, we will bring conditions to light, before disaster

occurs," said Mr. Kelley. Much was spent, he said, in curing disease; more should be spent for preventive medicine and this was one step in that direction.

A flood of bills, both private and Governmental, were introduced. Among these were two by Robert Carlin (C.C.F., Sudbury) to amend acts to provide for a 40-hour work week without reduction in "take-home" pay time and one-half for overtime but limiting total overtime to eight hours in any day and 100 per year; and to eliminate the seven-day waiting period for workmen's compensation cases and increase compensation to 100 per cent of previous wages.