

GOVERNMENT WILL NAME BOARD TO ADJUST COLONISTS' AFFAIRS

Result of **Kapuskasing** Investigation — Premier Drury Says Government Has Adopted the Principal Features of Commissioners' Report—Board of Three.

The Ontario Government has adopted, in the main, the recommendations with regard to **Kapuskasing** made by the commission which recently investigated conditions there. Announcement to this effect was made by Premier Drury to-day. With a view to effecting an adjustment between the Government and soldiers desirous of leaving the colony, a board of adjustment is to be appointed. There will be three members of the board, one of whom will be nominated by the **Kapuskasing** settlers.

"It is our intention to carry out the adjustment and the subsequent settlement, with the utmost despatch, and it is our sincere hope that in this settlement, justice may be done and satisfaction obtained by all parties," the Prime Minister says in a letter which is being sent to the soldiers of **Kapuskasing**.

The Government accepts the recommendation that all soldiers be allowed to choose whether or not they will remain at the colony. All houses and buildings on the colony will be valued, and if it is found that the settlers have been overcharged, restitution will be made. The Government will pay \$1,000 for each plot of

ten acres cleared for the plough. Money due to settlers will be paid in monthly instalments of \$100, commencing April 1 last, except in special cases, where the whole may be paid at once. Settlers leaving the colony will be allowed transportation for themselves and their families to any point in Ontario.

Settlers remaining on the colony will receive a horse, a half set of double harness and the sum of \$200, payable quarterly in advance, or an additional \$250 if they do not desire to accept the horse and harness. Colonists on outlying farms will be allowed to transfer to farms left vacant by departing settlers. Seed grain for this spring will be supplied free.

A properly qualified adviser to offer advice and instruction in all phases of settlers' work, will be appointed, if a sufficient number of settlers elect to remain. Settlers remaining are urged to form a school section, the Government undertaking to pay the salary of the teacher or teachers for at least two years. The Department of Labor agrees to do all possible to secure suitable positions for settlers leaving the colony. In the event of the Government's not wishing to retain the farm, it and all the buildings on it will be offered for sale. Settlers are urged to communicate their decisions to the Government as soon as possible.