

of its children when it came back from the Senate, and find a way of keeping it alive. I do not think an amendment will endanger the Bill, and I hope the minister will consent to let this measure stand until to-morrow. Perhaps it will not need amendment; but if the Minister of Justice should decide that the Crown and the other party should have the same chance to have a better judgment with the least possible cost, it could easily be settled by adding a few words to this clause.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Do I understand the hon. gentleman to say that if both parties were put on the same footing he would accept the principle of this Bill?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Certainly.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Then he cannot object to having the principle adopted by the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—No, the principle is given to one side only here.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—There is nothing taken away.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The hon. gentleman admits the Bill is a move in the right direction, but he thinks it should go further. We can discuss that in the committee to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—If the hon. gentleman promises to make the amendment in committee, I shall be willing to let the second reading go.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I cannot make any promise of the kind, but if the hon. gentleman will let the second reading go, he can have full opportunity to move his amendment.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It is understood that we do not accept the principle of the Bill because we consent to the second reading?

The motion was agreed to on a division, and the Bill was read the second time.

#### MINERAL RESOURCES OF CANADA.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Mineral Resources, he said:—

Hon. Mr. LANDRY.

This is a matter which will give satisfaction to the public. Large discoveries of mineral oil and shale have been made, and I spoke to the Minister this evening and he seemed anxious to give his support to such matters as these. There is nothing in the report to hurt anybody.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.—I would like to know what the conclusions of the committee are?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE.—Simply to have the report printed.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middlesex).—It contains the evidence of three or four witnesses who appeared before the committee, first Mr. Ells who examined the shale deposits in New Brunswick, and his evidence showed that the shale rock of that province was equal to the best shale rock of Scotland, out of which large fortunes have been made. Then Dr. Brock, head of the Geological Survey, who explored the Cobalt and Gowganda districts, as well as the iron districts of Ontario and of the other provinces, gave evidence as to the economic value, first of the shale of the Maritime Provinces, and the mineral wealth of the Cobalt district of Ontario, indicating the extent of their explorations, and the line that prospectors might most successfully take in order to discover fresh mineral. I think it is worth publication.

The motion was agreed to.

#### SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Bill (103) 'respecting the National Accident and Guarantee Co. of Canada'.—(Hon. Mr. Rattez.)

#### A CORRECTION.

Hon. Mr. POWER.—Before the House adjourns, I wish to make a slight correction, and I do it at the earliest possible moment, of some observations I made with regard to the classification of the Senate. In speaking of the Usher of the Black Rod, I am reported to have said:—

Up to the present incumbent, the officers did not receive more than \$1,800. The present incumbent is now receiving \$2,200.

Then again I said:

The Black Rod had only \$1,050 salary after having been here twenty years.