

AID TO AGRICULTURE—*Con.*

*Hughes, Hon. S.* (Minister of Militia)—5279.

It may not go to a province at all, it may go beyond a province, 5279.

*Knowles, W. E.* (Moosejaw)—5285.

Can the expenditure be withheld without the consent of the province? 5285.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec)—5290.

If everything contemplated in the Bill can be done by appropriation, what is the use of the Bill? It should be divided on the basis of population, 5290. The suggestion that there may be times when one province needs more than another makes the amendment absolutely indispensable, 5291. And suppressing the provinces also, 5293.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—5282.

Sees nothing in the Bill to indicate how the policy set forth in it will be given effect to, 5282. Knows Mr. Burrell is full of good intentions, but let us make it clear in the Bill that there shall be no discrimination, 5283. Will the government be in a position in one year to exclude three or four provinces? 5284. Asks the minister to tell them how he intends to encourage agriculture, 5297.

*Lennox, Haughton* (Simcoe)—5291.

Realizes that he is in a hopeless minority as it may be at this time, 5291. It is not a question of a province, but of the whole of Canada, and we are legislating for the whole of Canada, 5292. Certain portions of Canada are specially adapted for agriculture. Every province should devote its energies to the special industry for which it is adapted, 5293.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—5293.

A good while since in any deliberative body in the King's dominions the declaration of the principle so clearly put forward by Mr. Lennox of the right divine of kings to govern wrong has been heard, 5293-4. The government are asking too much in asking the people to consider that the fixed policy of the government, 5295.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—5277.

Clause 2 open to the objection that it leaves the Governor in Council a wide discretion as to granting subsidies, 5277. It is a wrong principle. The principle of subsidies in proportion to population ought to be recognized, 5278. That shows that the government has not determined on its policy, 5279. It is proposed to increase the subsidies to the different provinces. The provinces should know exactly what their subsidies will be, 5280. This Bill should provide that these additional subsidies should be granted on a fixed and definite principle, 5281. Passing the Bill in blanket form leaves it open to the minister to be generous to one province and niggardly to another, 5282. What about next year? 5284. Thinks section 3 very proper. No reason

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for not providing that the moneys should be divided according to population, 5285. Moves an amendment to section 2, to carry out the principle, 5286. The amendment does not say 'the last decennial census' but the 'last census,' 5291. Mr. Borden extremely unfair to members on that side. All were in favour of co-operation with the provincial governments, 5298. There is no ground for the statement that we have opposed liberal encouragement to agriculture, 5299.

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Bill (No. 100) third reading.—Hon. M. Burrell, 5561.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—5563.

Some of Mr. Pugsley's arguments rather in favour of the six months' hoist than of his amendment. It merely provides means of co-operation, 5563. If he does not find fault with the proposition, does not understand the object of his motion, 5564.

*Burrell, Hon. M.* (Minister of Agriculture)—5565.

Extraordinary that when the government desires to help agriculture there should be so much criticism, 5565. Perfectly willing that the amount should be divided as outlined when the supplementary estimates are brought down, 5566. Loth to think difficulty would be cast in the way of government helping agriculture a little more liberally than in the past, 5567.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—5564.

The Bill is a serious departure from well accepted precedent in the distribution of public moneys, 5564. What the Bill calls 'co-operation' but he understands as 'interference' by the Dominion with the governments of the provinces, 5565.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—5561.

Moves an amendment similar to that moved in committee, 5561. Recognized that when subsidies are granted, they should be granted on a fixed principle, that of population, 5562. Quotes the minister. No reason why this principle should not be incorporated in the measure, 5563. Never found fault with the proposition. Wants the expenditure based on a proper principle, 5564. Why should not that be provided in the Bill? 5566.

## AID TO RAILWAY BRIDGES IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Bill (No. 188) taken in committee.—Hon. J. Cochrane—6373.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N. B.)—6380.

The minister does not appreciate the importance of securing a connection for this road with the National Transcontinental Railway at Grand Falls, 6380. If the matter were arranged so that the