

VOLUNTEER BOUNTY ACT AMENDMENT—  
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*Beland, Hon. H. S.* (Beauce)—1396.

Asks if there will be an extension of time with regard to Bounty Acts, 1396.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—1396.

Will the minister not make a finality of this matter in the proposed legislation, 1396. Every year there is a further extension not for the benefit of the volunteer, but really for that of the speculator. The speculator has found that he has gambled and lost and parliament intervenes in order to protect him against an unsound business proposition, 1397.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Westmoreland)—1398.

Would it not be possible to restrict the advantage of the renewals to the original holders of the certificates, 1398.

*Knowles, W. E.* (Moosejaw)—1398.

I would like to ask the minister what he does in connection with persons who have entered upon the land, and against whom there is an application for cancellation, 1398.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—1398.

This is a renewal to allow them to make an application for a grant of money which they had earned by their failure to apply for the land. There must be some finality to this matter, 1398.

*Mackenzie, D. D.* (Cape Breton North and Victoria)—1399.

This legislation is very closely akin to another volunteer bounty matter, 1399.

*Neely, D. B.* (Humboldt)—1399.

It seems to me we are never going to get to the end of this South African veteran's scrip proposition, 1399.

*Roche, Hon. W. J.* (Minister of the Interior)—1396.

Forty-eight certificates still outstanding, 1396. This is not an extension of time to file on their lands; this is an extension of the time within which they can present their certificates and get the cash grant of \$500. It is impossible for men to make more money by delaying and it is not the intention to amend the Act to increase the amount to more than \$500, 1397. If they do not surrender their certificates before December 31, 1914, they will have to go without their money, 1398.

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Motion.—Second reading of Bill No. 98.—Mr. Roche, 1611.

*Roche, Hon. W. J.* (Minister of the Interior)—1611.

Explains object of Bill and answers questions asked when the Bill was introduced, 1611.

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House in Committee on following resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize the payment of a grant of one hundred dollars at any time before the thirty-first day of December, 1915, to every volunteer who is living on the date of the passing of an Act based upon this resolution, who was regularly enlisted in and served with the militia called out for active service in the year 1870, by the Government of Canada, with the exception of certain battalions or riflemen formed for service in the Northwest; and also to provide that such grant may be paid to the widow or legal representative of every volunteer who was living on the first day of April, 1912, and to whom no grant has previously been made under the authority of any Act.—Mr. Hughes.—3362.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—3367.

I believe thousands of men in Nova Scotia have been paid who were barely born at the time of the Fenian raid, and my hon. friend knows it. He believes it anyway. It is simply a scandal. The minister would give away all the resources of Canada to militia men if his followers would allow him to do so. But the minister has sane business moments, and he knows that a great fraud is being perpetrated upon his department by the people of Nova Scotia, 3367. I very much doubt the wisdom of the minister's granting a bounty at all, 3368. I think this thing has gone far enough; when you have paid nearly every man who was born in the province of Nova Scotia forty-eight years ago \$100, it seems to me that you ought not to pay the widows, 3373. I said this thing was a scandal; I repeat it, and the only man I am blaming is the minister, 3392. I have always taken the ground that a man should not be paid for defending his fireside. I take that ground to-night, 3393.

*Davidson, A. L.* (Annapolis)—3376.

The point I wish to make is that it seems somewhat regrettable that when this hon. gentleman was sitting on this side of the House, and when the party of his own political persuasion was in power, he did not take the same interest in this question, 3376. Mr. Carvell comes here and says that the people of Nova Scotia by wholesale would commit perjury. If this hon. gentleman has charges to make of any kind against the people of Nova Scotia let him ask for a committee, 3377. All hon. members opposite deplored that the Minister of Militia was so slow and dilatory in making these payments. Had they stood to the back of Mr. Monk in 1906, or to the back of Mr. Middlebro, in the year 1911 and forced their government to enact legislation such as we enacted the moment we got into power, then these people would not have had to wait so long, 3379. Hon. gentleman when they are out of power, when they have