

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No period was mentioned.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: I wonder if there is any more reason why a bounty should be given on oil than on silver, copper or gold.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My honourable friend might have wondered ever since he has been in Parliament, for this bounty has been paid since 1909, and now we are at the end of it and about to cut it off. My honourable friend might have attempted earlier to solve the problem.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: I believe you would have done better to cut off the bounty now.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have no special data. I do not know very much about the petroleum industry. My honourable friend from Lambton (Hon. Mr. Pardee) is more au fait. However, I take it for granted that the Minister of Finance examined the whole situation and felt that in order to maintain the industry it was well to notify those interested that the bounty would be continued for this year, that next year it would be cut in two, and then it would cease.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: I must confess that, although I have been here for a considerable period, this is the first time I have heard that a bounty was being paid. My opinion is that there is no more reason for a bounty on oil than for one on nickle, gold, or copper.

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

### THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I object to the third reading being taken now. I want to look into this matter.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Next Session.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Next Session? That is this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Next Parliament.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would suggest that my honourable friend allow this Bill to pass. I am sure he will not move an amendment. If he doubts the soundness of the policy he had better challenge a vote right away.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Well, I cannot resist the appealing face of the honourable leader of the Government. I withdraw.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.

## HEMP BOUNTIES BILL

### SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 215, an Act respecting the Payment of Bounties on Certain Manufactures of Hemp.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, this Bill has for its object the encouragement of the cultivation of hemp in Canada, to replace the importation of Manila fibre for binder twine and other cordage. It is, I believe, highly desirable that we should give the West a chance to increase its variety of production. The bounties payable according to the Bill would run from 1926 to 1933. The figures are given in the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: That would be about eight years?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Has my honourable friend any information as to the growth of hemp up to the present time?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Practically none.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: What are the probabilities of hemp being successfully cultivated? Is the Department of Agriculture doing anything to promote the cultivation of hemp, and what prospect is there of an industry being built up in twine or yarn?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND (reading):

#### Bounty on Hemp

There is another industry to which we are going to extend similar aid. We have been working together to encourage the cultivation of hemp, for which article we are assured the soil of parts of our country is particularly adapted.

It is believed that with some encouragement a large manufacturing plant can be established in Manitoba, drawing its raw material from the crop to be raised in the immediate vicinity. Here again is a case were the helping hand may only have to be extended at the beginning. There is a large market in Canada for products manufactured from hemp, and other articles of similar character. If we can economically produce the hemp ourselves and turn it into manufactured products in factories within easy reach of the fields in which it grows, surely that is an industry which may be well worthy of the helping hand. We therefore propose to apply in this case substantially the same rule as in the case of the copper industry. Under the aid we are affording copper rods and bars should be turned out in Canada at an early date. The development of the hemp business will be slower. To complete the plans of the authorities who are giving attention to the promotion of the movement, to raise the crop and to prepare and manufacture the hemp, will take a considerable time. We therefore propose that in this case the eight-year period shall begin on the first day of January, 1926. By that time binder twine and other products made from Canadian hemp should be ready for the market and the producers will be in a