

sion to make investigations in other countries, and he felt sure that when the report of that Commission was presented they would find that a sound method of taxation would be recommended that would be good for some time to come. The Nickel Commission was now en route to Norway, Madagascar and New Caledonia would also be visited.

Getting at the Profits.

The argument was advanced by Mr. J. H. Ham (South Brant) that the Government should find some way of getting its share of the profits of the International Nickel Company. Mr. Ferguson said that would be a difficult matter, as the International Nickel Company confined its operations to the United States.

"But the Canadian Copper Company sells to the International Nickel Company," commented Mr. Ham.

"And it's the same company under another name," added Mr. Sam Clarke (West Northumberland).

"I haven't any doubt," admitted Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ham proceeded to say that they had the word of Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, that the International Nickel Company made net profits last year of \$9,700,000, and that three per cent. on that would give the Province \$270,000 instead of the \$40,000 at present being received. The South Brant member's reference to the statement of Sir Thomas White was interrupted by Mr. Ferguson, who remarked that "if the honorable member for South Brant would read Hansard instead of The Globe he would be better informed."

"Soaking the People."

"The Government is soaking the working people and the kiddies who go to the picture shows and letting these big monarchs—the nickel companies—go practically scot free," said Mr. Sam Clarke (West Northumberland).

A letter signed by the Hon. Frank Cochrane, former Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in Ontario, was read by Mr. J. C. Elliott, in which Mr. Cochrane stated that the Canadian Copper Company was the Canadian branch of the International Company. "We can't tax a company that is doing business in the United States," said Mr. Elliott, "but we can tax the company which, according to Hon. Frank Cochrane, really represents them in Ontario."

Fair treatment of capital was urged by Mr. R. R. Gamey (Manitoulin). "I say don't get too penurious with your taxation, but say to the capitalists of the world coming into Ontario, we will treat you well and will not haggle with you over a dollar so long as you pay your way."

In an effective speech, Mr. C. M. Bowman, Liberal Whip, considered that the Government should insist that a much larger tax be collected in so far as this particular industry was concerned. He declared that this special case was a monopoly, and increased taxation of the Canadian Copper Company would not damage mining development in Ontario one iota.

Not Quite Satisfied.

Premier Hearst said that if the Government were fully satisfied they would not have appointed a Commission to go into the whole question of the taxation of mines and to recommend to the Government a fair, equitable and proper scheme of taxation.

The motion asking for a return of correspondence between the Government and the Canadian Copper Company was allowed.
