

6. If the Commissioners are satisfied that any process has materially improved the quality of dressed fibre by, say, £10 per ton, and rendered it suitable for textile purposes, they may recommend that the sum of £2,500 be paid to the inventor, or such proportion thereof as they shall think fit, and may recommend that, besides the bonus, the inventor be allowed to retain his right to require a royalty per ton from those who use the process.

7. The bonus for the best means of utilising the waste product of the flax industry shall not exceed £2,500, and shall be paid for a process which, besides making it an article of profit to the producer, shall so utilise 75 per cent. of the waste as to make it a profitable and useful article of commerce. Such process to be subject to any test the Commissioners may think fit, and it shall be within their power to award the whole or any portion of such bonus as they may think fit.

8. All applications for such bonus to be sent in on or before a date to be fixed by the Commissioners. All applicants to agree to accept the award of the Commissioners, and also to agree to charge no higher royalty per ton than the Commissioners may fix.

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