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sent to the Minister of Finance, complaining of a combine in the leather trade which had been existing two years previous. The petition was supported by a copy of an affidavit used by persons who joined the combine. The combine operated by granting a rebate to firms who purchased only from members of the combine. Dr. Sproule said an application had been made to the Minister of Finance regarding this matter, and that he himself had "submitted the present law to an eminent legal authority and was advised that it would be difficult, if not impossible, either to break up the combine or to secure conviction under the law."

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