

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—*Con.*

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Wise to see just whether the law as now framed is not broad enough to meet the case, 7893. If the persons interested in cold storage were restricting the supply that would be a combine, 7896. He alleges that this combination of cold storage dealers arrange prices, 7897. The price is either the result of free competition or the result of some monopolistic factor, 7899. Any kind of restriction that interferes with the free play of the law, 7900. The government had not in view the meeting of every possible evil that might grow out of combinations, 7901. Nothing in the Bill to prevent one or ten drovers in a locality arranging the prices they would pay, 7902. Any combination of the kind mentioned would be investigated, 7903. If we add to the detriment of consumers or producers, that makes it clear, 7904. That is after it has been shown that an offence has been committed, 7905. This is the Bill that was introduced by Clarke Wallace, 7906. That is not the point we are discussing, 7907. Moves amendments to section 5, 7908. If they succeeded in proving that there would be a double reason for going ahead, 7909. Is my opinion the words are quite plain, and had better be left as they are, 7910. The Minister of Justice has already gone over the Bill, 7911. If it is a combine adversely affecting the public he could not take such an affidavit, 7912. Every man on the board must swear that he will perform his duties 'truly, faithfully and impartially,' 7915. Those against whom the charges are made might prefer to have some person having knowledge of the business on the board, 7916-7. The law specially refers to that particular form of monopoly, 7918. The government would hardly be justified in removing duties without very full representations, 7919. This legislation is in part the result of investigations, 7920. The courts have in some cases decided that the enhancement has been unreasonable and undue, 7921. The examination before the board would reveal certain facts, 7922. He does not become liable to any penalty unless he continues to offend, 7923. The evidence taken before one of those boards would undoubtedly be of service, 7924. The guilt of the parties would have to be proven in the usual way, 7925. The parties would state under which section they were bringing their action, 7927. It provides against 'unduly restraining or injuring trade or commerce, 7929. It is apparent that it will require two members of the board to give that decision, 7930. The hon. gentleman has not read the Act, 7931. Out of eighty inquiries several of them have been held in private, 7932. Authority is given to the board to conduct a portion of the examination in private, 7933. The members of a court themselves might desire to correct those records, 7934. Let-

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ter from Dominion Trades and Labour Congress, 7935-6-7. Would suggest the words 'business partner,' 7930. It is simply to make the procedure uniform under the Act, 7931.

Loncaster, E. A. (Lincoln)—6925.

You are practically making the judges a parliament, 6925. Suggests to the minister that it is unbecoming for him to lecture the opposition as to its course, 6928.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7938.

It is no part of the tariff, it is only an adjunct of it, 7937. It does not put any taxation on the people, 7938.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6917.

Clause present many difficulties which demand the closest deliberation from the committee, 6917. Combines in England: Quotes 'Trusts and the State,' 6918. Should not throw into the pot these organizations which are proper, 6919. Should not create the position of penalizing a condition of that kind, 6920. Under this language you would not even lower the price, 6921. What we want in this country is to encourage capital to come in, 6922. Reasonable grounds simply means that there is a plausible case made out, 6923. There have been satisfactory results in the operation of the law as it stands, 6924. The Bill is inaugurating a new and novel principle, 6925. Section 2 is to some extent the keynote of the whole Bill, 7882. The phrase, 'injurious to trade,' is a novel one in legislation of this character, 7909. Would that be taken to mean that the party appointed would be one of the persons who had applied? 7910. Suggests amendments to section 15, 7911. Cases in which you have combinations with wide ramifications are very rare, 7912. The impartiality of the tribunal must be provided for, 7915. The Bill should be so amended that interested parties should not be members of the board, 7916. Asks that the clause stand, 7917. Is that report *prima facie* evidence of the fact that the party has been guilty, 7924. The procedure under section 498 of the Criminal Code, 7925. Extending the legislation to an unwarrantable extent to take a way those rights, 7926. Has drawn upon amendment to section 15, 7938. Six men outside of the relation of partners could put their counsel on the board, 7939.

McLean, M. Y. (South Huron)—7910.

Does not see how any words could make it more clear than those in the Bill, 7910. The words 'or indirectly' would defeat the whole object of the Bill, 7911. Supposing we had a grocers' combine, everybody is interested pecuniarily in that, 7913. Does not think there is any-