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in obtaining all information possible from witnesses and all available sources, but have not yet reached a point in their investigation that would warrant them in submitting final conclusions. There has come to the attention of your committee evidence in regard to undue profits being made on certain commodities. Your committee in order to provide a means by which a recurrence of such may be prevented and that the public may be protected against unfair practices in trade recommend to the consideration of the House and the Government that legislation be enacted at this session of Parliament creating a tribunal with power to investigate mergers, trust, monopolies or organizations of any kind or nature, which tend to limit facilities for transporting, producing, manufacturing, supplying, storing, or preventing, limiting or lessening manufacture or production, or fixing a common price, or a resale price, or a common rental, or a common cost of storage, or transportation, or enhancing the price, rental or cost of article, rental, storage or transportation, or preventing or lessening competition in or substantially controlling within any particular district, or generally, production, manufacture, purchase, barter, sale, transportation, insurance, or supply, or otherwise restraining or injuring commerce, or unduly enhancing the price of the necessaries of life, also with regulative power in connection with discriminations in price between different purchaser of commodities, exclusive purchase and sale arrangements, intercorporate shareholding and interlocking directorates and unfair methods in commerce.

"All of which is respectfully submitted"

Later, on July 5th, a final and last report of this special committee on the high cost of living was made, and section 26 of this final and last report has reference to the Board of Commerce and is as follows:-

(See Votes and Proceedings, July 5th, 1919,
Par.26, p. 544.)

"Your Committee in their interim report recommended the constitution of a Board of Commerce, which would continue and extend the work done not only by this committee but by the various controls which the Government have put into operation during the war. The publicity given to the investigations of such a board will have a steadying effect. Its powers of regulation applied to trade practices and agreements will