

of distribution in Canada of farm and other natural products, as well as manufactured products, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, more particularly to inquire into and investigate,—

- (a) the effect of mass buying by department and chain store organizations upon the regular retail trade of the country, as well as upon the business of manufactures and producers;
- (b) the labour conditions prevailing in industries supplying the requirements of such department and chain store organizations, and the extent, if any, to which existing conditions have been brought about by the purchasing practices of such organizations, and the effect thereof upon the standard of living amongst those employed in such industries and organizations;
- (c) the relation between the flour milling industry and the bakeries of the country, and the effect of such relations upon the baking industry of Canada;
- (d) the methods and system prevailing in the marketing of live stock and animal products for domestic consumption and export, and the extent to which the present system affords or restricts opportunity for fair returns to producers.

That the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and the further power to request the appointment of a Commission or Commissioners under the Inquiries Act, to secure evidence to be presented to the Committee by such Commission or Commissioners.

That the Committee shall report to the House from time to time its findings, together with recommendations of such measures as in the opinion of the Committee may be considered necessary to secure as far as possible, fair and just practices in the distribution and marketing systems of Canada, with fair and just returns to producers, employees, and employers, not inconsistent with the rights of consumers.

*The Acting Minister of Fisheries*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act."

*The Acting Minister of Fisheries*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend The Fisheries Act."

*The Minister of Finance*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act."

*Mr. Bury*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend The Criminal Code (Appeal Part XV)."

*Mr. Reid*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend the Railway Act (Rates on Grain)."