

The Committee found that "the evils produced by combinations such as have been inquired into have not by any means been fully developed in this country, but sufficient evidence of their injurious tendencies and effects is given to justify legislative action for suppressing the evils arising from this and similar combinations and monopolies."

The legislation in question was introduced at the succeeding session by the late Mr. H. Clarke Wallace, and at present appears in an amended form in the Revised Statutes as sections 496, 497 and 498 of the Criminal Code, 1906.

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Criminal Code.

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These sections are as follows:

496. --- A conspiracy in restraint of trade is an agreement between two or more persons to do or procure to be done any unlawful act in restraint of trade. 55-56 V., c. 29, s. 516.

497. --- The purposes of a trade union are not, by reason merely that they are in restraint of trade, unlawful within the meaning of the last preceding section. 55-56 V., c. 29, s. 517.

498. --- Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars and not less than two hundred dollars, or to two years' imprisonment, or, if a corporation, is liable to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and not less than one thousand dollars, who conspires, combines, agrees or arranges

with any other person, or with any railway, steamship, steamboat or transportation company,--