

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—*Con.*

*Crosby, A. B.* (Halifax)—*Con.*

limitation of canneries, 7898. This amendment would interfere with the Nova Scotia fishermen, 7939. It would cut away from under our feet the very thing we put in the Act this morning, 7940.

*Currie, J. A.* (South Simcoe)—6911.

This law provides a convenient form of investigation into the affairs of a business concern, 6911. Makes the suggestion that all parties be heard before a committee of the House, 6912. Put the word 'produce' in as well as consumer, 7882. There are combinations of farmers as well as combinations of dealers, 7901. The sale of bacon and pork is controlled broadly by two firms of retail dealers, 7902. What is the meaning of the phrase 'injurious to trade'? 7909. Would prefer that the statement should be more direct, so that nobody could mistake it, 7910. Suggests after the word 'direct' the words or 'indirect,' 7911. A man might be affected by a sugar combine, but he might be a rich man, 7913. There are two sides to it and we should meet the case thoroughly, 7914. This confirms the idea that there is some one person on the board to represent a certain specific interest. Better take the clause out, 7917-8. This clause covers the case of shoe machinery largely, 7920. Better amend the Bill so as to make this one Act do the whole business, 7923. It subjects the party to three distinct separate and parallel prosecutions for the same Act, 7928. We cannot advance the public interest by having secret trials, 7930. The interest of parties on trial are far more secure in a public court than in a private inquiry, 7931. Under the Industrial Disputes Act there has never been any inquiry of this kind, 7932. The more light there is thrown on any investigation of this kind the better for the public, 7933. A charge made of combination against a school book manufacturer in Ontario, 7934. The minister cannot show any reason why there should be a dark lantern investigation, 7935.

*Dcherty, C. J.* (Montreal, St. Anne)—6931.

If they have expressed their views to the minister the House should have them, 6931. Some opportunity should be given those affected to be heard, 6932.

*German, W. M.* (Welland)—6910.

The Act substitutes a board of arbitration for criminal proceedings before a judge and jury, 6910. Certainly they are governed by the laws of evidence, 6911. Is that a *prima facie* case, 6923.

*Gerrais, Honoré* (Montreal, St. James)—6933.

Would like to know if the legislation has been inspired by German legislation, 6933.

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*Haggart, Hon. J. G.* (South Lanark)—7904.

You limit the offence considerably by the provision concerning its being detrimental to parties, 7904. If we are to have crimes on the statute book we want to define the crime, 7905. The provisions of that Bill were embodied in the Criminal Code, 7906. The Act has just the effect that Sir John Thompson said it had, 7907. The use of a patented article is unduly to enhance or lessen competition, 7918. The effect of this clause is to alter the general law, 7919. Thought at first that the Bill was a sort of guillotine. The investigation amounts to nothing, 7922. The minister intends to make the procedure as simple as possible, 7925. If those proceedings are to be worth anything at all they must be a simple as possible, 7926. Instead of lengthening these inquiries they should be shortened as much as possible, 7927. The clerk and others employed by the board will not be permanent, 7935.

*Herron, J.* (MacLeod)—7908.

The farmers generally do not get the value of their produce, 7908.

*Hughes, Sam.* (Victoria, Ont.)—7939.

A man may be associated and not be a partner, 7939. Refer to the time, 7940.

*King, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie* (Minister of Labour)—6906.

Asks how it is proposed to discover such a combination without any investigation, 6906. The legislation enacted in 1899, 6907. There was no such arrangement, 6912. It is in the public interest that an investigation shall be held, 6923. The general opinion as it has been expressed, is favourable to some measure being passed, 6925. Since the 18th of January no suggestion has been made of a special committee, 6926. There are many clauses in regard to which the committee will have various views, 6927. Not aware that he said he desired to force any legislation through, 6928. A special committee has already investigated trusts and combines and made its report, 6929. Cannot agree to the interpretation put upon his words, 6930. These bodies have expressed their views, intended to bring them up in discussion, 6931. An understanding as to adjournment, 6932. There is no request in it for any reference to a special committee, 6933. On section 5, has some amendments which he explains, 7881. Has no objection whatever to adding the words Macdonald has suggested, 7882. Should confine it primarily to the protection of consumers, 7883. Leave for further consideration at a later date the inclusion of other clauses, 7884. That combines can be proceeded against under this Bill, 7885. If it affected the consumer the Bill would apply, 7890. We had not the law in the past, 7891. The law applies rather to the effects of combines than to combines as such, 7892.