

report as follows : We feel ourselves at a loss for any date on which to base our report inasmuch as it is in the interest of combines to keep from the public every scrap of information which it is in their power to control, therefore, while surrounded by combinations which control almost every commodity in the markets, we find it difficult to point them out or suggest a remedy.

We are of the opinion, that the Millers' Combination has an injurious effect in raising the price of flour to the farmer, by charging him too great a proportion of his grist for grinding the same and thus forcing him to sell his wheat and buy his flour.

We also believe, that the stove manufacturers have combined and placed their wares in the hands of a committee, who fix the price, at which dealers are compelled to sell, thereby preventing competition.

We regret that the Ontario Peoples' Salt Manufacturing Co., has not had the amount of support which would enable them to keep down a monopoly on this necessary.

Only two ways have suggested themselves to your Committee by which the Combinations of the country can be controlled, namely,—to throw off the duties when it has been shown that a combine exists in any commodity, and subject it to the competition of the producing world, or to stamp them out by severe legislative enactments.

And we would take this occasion to commend the action of N. C. Wallace, M. P., in his efforts to provide legislation against them, and express the hope that he may persevere until he secures such measures as will free our country from the curse of combines, and we recommend the Executive Committee to bring the foregoing before the Government and Parliament at Ottawa.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McDougall, Chairman.

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Bro. Wood read report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted on motion.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to lay before this Grange our report as follows :