

leading newspapers of Canada, and I for one would be very glad to find, if the hon. gentleman says so, that there is not a shadow of foundation for it at all—that the manufacturers have never punished anybody.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I assure the hon. gentleman that it is so—that I never heard of such a thing.

HON. MR. SMITH—It is not true at all.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—All I can say is, that in the Province from which I come bags of sugar find their way there occasionally, which do not come through the hands of the combine or through the refiners at all, and they are very much sought after, and they do sell there for about the price of granulated. I have used them myself frequently. Now, to enter upon some of the arguments that have been used in defence of the manufacturers, it seems to me that to attempt to identify farmers and dealers in hay and butter, and such articles as are brought to market by farmers, with combinations amongst themselves, is a complete failure. The hon. gentleman spoke of hay, and asked if farmers did not combine in the hay market to keep up the price. He must be aware that there is as much difference in the qualities of hay as there is in the grades of sugar. A load of clover hay and a load of timothy hay are two different articles, and to say that they always have the same value would be absurd. It is the same with regard to butter.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I simply used that expression, not by way of condemnation of any such arrangement, but as a proof of how this law, if these words “unduly” and “unreasonably” are eliminated from the Act, would operate. I was led to infer that it might operate against an arrangement which was very common, and very simple and very blameless, in a very cruel way. That is my argument.

HON. MR. REESOR—Read the sentence as it is, leaving those words out.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—“To prevent or lessen competition in the production, manufacture, purchase, barter, sale, transportation or supplies of any such article or commodity, or in the price of insurance upon person or property.” That was the

original clause of the Bill, and I infer that under that clause such a simple arrangement as I have spoken of would probably bring the farmers under the meshes of the law; and my argument, if it were good for anything, would be to prove the injustice that such an interpretation of the law would lead to.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I am not quite sure whether it was the hon. gentleman from Montreal who spoke on the subject of co-operation, but it does seem to me if you cast any reflection on the co-operation of the agricultural classes it is an exceedingly unwise thing, because all the greatest results which have been obtained in Canada have been obtained through co-operation.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I said nothing on that subject.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I did not charge the hon. gentleman with using these words, but one of the gentleman who spoke on the other side of the House did. Will any hon. gentleman pretend to say that such success as has attended the manufacture of cheese in Canada could have been obtained in any other way except through co-operation? I do not believe there is a gentleman in this House who would be bold enough to stand up in his place and declare that it would. We know very well that Canadian cheese has gone into competition with the best American and defeated it, and we know that in Europe, where it is rather a novelty to use new cheese, Canadian cheese has found a market there, and when we find that co-operative work can be a success in Canada we are not claiming to build up an article sold exclusively to Canadians, but sold to foreigners, thereby conferring on this country the valuable boon of having an article to export of ready money value. Now, that is just about as important a boon as can possibly be conferred on agriculture in this country, and to speak slightly of co-operation for producing so desirable a result I think may be stigmatized as being rather short-sighted.

HON. MR. SMITH—I did not speak slightly of that co-operation. I said it was necessary on many occasions to have these co-operations, and that I approved of them to a certain extent. You are