

TOBACCO INDUSTRY—CANCELLATION OF LICENSES—FIRST READING—*Con.*

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—Con.

Regrets measure at late date of session; minister took up question after he gave notice—8408. In favour of measure despite objections; face to face with a trust and there are many in the country; extent of trusts; American Trust in England; quotes MacTavish' report—8409. Trust aims at entire control of Canadian trade and to fix prices for tobacco grower; importance of particular brands, and resources of the trust; absolutely exclusive contract—8410. Purchase and closing of factories; foreign leaf only field not touched, but aimed at; licenses which will be affected by this law; law confers drastic powers, regrets that government have delayed action, and not made law comprehensive—8411. United States legislation ineffectual; proposal may prove ineffectual; can amend it at an early date; regrets power was not conferred upon a judge; it interferes with vested rights; dangerous power to give a minister—8412. Action should be imperative, not permissive; evasion of law; contracts exclusively under jurisdiction of provinces; contracts illegal in Quebec; Dominion supreme in criminal matters—8413. Act lays onus on government; laudable attempt in right direction—8414.

Minister should be able to take action within a month of Act passing—8431. Greatest anxiety at minister's equivocal statement; accept Bill giving minister full discretion; government should state time of delay—8432. Wants something tangible as regards remedy; two questions involved; within what delay will law be enforced—8433. Statement more satisfactory than previous one—8434.

Parmelee, C. H. (Shefford, P.Q.)—8430.

Advocates provision for reasonable notice—8430.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—8415.

Things which follow operations of the trust; minister defended Standard Oil combine; fastening monopoly on the country; reduction of duty did it—8416. Then reduced duty on crude oil: made a kind of attempt at suppression; Standard Oil Company's dividend—8417. Should have been controlled; government a close corporation in restraint of trade; pay big dividends but no trust, for nobody trusts them; advise the people not to renew their license; attack on leather combine and its effects; other trusts—8419. Government refused to act; leather combine and its effects; other trusts—8419. Government insincere—8420. What will satisfy him—8434.

Taylor, George (South Leeds)—8414.

Quotes resolution to show it goes far beyond tobacco; nine-tenths of business done on this principle—8414. Liquor men do business this way; should be amended to refer only to tobacco; reads message that American trust did not pay MacFarlane's expenses to Ottawa—8415.

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Taylor, George (South Leeds)—Con.

Wants an answer from minister—8428.

Resolution should read as referring to licenses for cigars, cigarettes and tobacco—8430.

Moves amendment confining law to tobacco; objects to second reading—8434.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY—CANCELLATION OF LICENSES—THIRD READING.

Order for the second reading of resolution respecting the proposed amendment to the Inland Revenue Act—8533.

Resolution read the second time and reported, and agreed to—8549.

Bill (168) read the first and second time, considered in committee and reported; motion for third reading—8549.

Bill read a third time and passed—8550.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—8549.

Calls attention to Mr. Pringle being charged with being lawyer for the trust; Mr. Leonard tried to check resolution by seconding Mr. Taylor's motion—8549. Is looking into the matter of rebate on foreign leaf cuttings—8550.

Leonard, J. E. E. (Laval, P.Q.)—8548.

If Mr. Pringle had been here yesterday he would not have repeated to-day arguments used then—8548. All declared themselves in favour of the resolution; he speaks more like a lawyer defending a client than a member—8549.

Porter, E. Guss (West Hastings)—8548.

Reads communications from members of recent deputation, denying that expenses were paid by the tobacco company—8548.

Pringle, R. A. (Cornwall and Stormont)—8533.

Quotes Judge MacTavish's report; supposes action is based on clause 3; confers most extraordinary powers—8533. Power which should not be given to any one man; combines in tobacco trade—8534. Nothing in the MacTavish report which finds that there is a monopoly—8535. Quotes Mr. Balfour on non-interference; quotes Canadian Criminal Code—8536. Actions in criminal and civil courts against the combine had failed; Canadian leaf encouraged, retailer can sell tobacco of any firm—8537. But if he wants full commission can only sell combine tobacco; an absolutely fair arrangement; objects to arbitrary power; should be an appeal—8538. Any tobacco manufacturer can make similar contract—8539. Quotes Mr. Eddy on combinations—8540. Lawful to make profitable offers to attract customers, quotes Eddy and law reports in support—8541. Ready to discuss means to regulate, but this is improper legislation, continues his quotations—8542. Contract entirely within proper Principles of the law; quotes Mr. Eddy—8543. Trusts and combinations exist every-