

Chapter 5¹²
"Workable" Labor Department - Legislation.

C. 84647

(Cart-Hide from Combine Investigation Act)

The value and efficacy of the Combine Investigation Act, 1923 was again demonstrated in the interim report tabled in the House by Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, from Harry Hereford, registrar under the act, of his investigation in New Brunswick into the charges of the existence of a potato combine. The report showed that a combine in connection with the marketing of potatoes was operating in a manner detrimental of the public interests.

The report was remitted to the Attorney General of New Brunswick for such action as he might consider desirable. ~~Through the~~

(Take action against fruit combine in West)
Through the machinery of the Combines Investigation Act legislation a combine was unearthed last year, that of the Nash Syndicate which controlled the fruit business of the Western half of ~~Canada~~ the Dominion. The report of this investigation was placed before Mr. Murdock in February 1915. The four Western provinces offered to co-operate with federal authorities in legal action against the Nash combine and this was promptly instituted.

(Industrial Disputes Act made workable)
Three readings were given to changes in the Industrial Disputes Act introduced by Hon. James Murdock. The changes have in view righting some of the wrongs of the original legislation and bringing about adjustments in the operation of the machinery, especially after the action of the Privy Council in England in ruling as ultra vires of provincial rights the original measure.

The 1925 bill which was passed by both Houses of Parliament provides for the application of the Act to disputes connected with navigation and shipping, railways, canals, telegraphs and other undertakings connecting one province with another, works on businesses carried on or owned by aliens or foreign corporations; such works as may be declared by Parliament to be for the general advantage of Canada, or for the advantage of two or more provinces; and the business of any company incorporated under the authority of Parliament. The Act also applies to disputes which are not within the exclusive authority of any province, or which the Governor-General-in-Council may by reason of any real or apprehended national emergency declare to be subject to the provisions of the Act, or disputes which are within provincial jurisdiction but which are made subject to the Act by provincial legislation.

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