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Mr. WILSON (Laval).—They were government officials, but any citizen of this country can make a denunciation if he likes.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—Will you tell us how to proceed?

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—Yes. Before a justice of the peace. This could be prosecuted before a justice of the peace.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—Is it not the business of the department?

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—Yes, the Department of Justice.

Mr. BURREL.—I do not think that the case Mr. Wilson has cited, the maple sugar case, is analogous to the present. In that case it was discovered there was no standard of purity, but I think as a general principle when a government has certain regulations laid down and officers are there to perform their duty, the duty of prosecuting does not fall on private citizens but on the department. No private citizen can or will lay information or prosecute when the rules and regulations of the department are being transgressed and when the officers of the department are eminently the parties to prosecute.

*By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona):*

Q. How much did the country lose by this transaction?

A. Nothing.

Q. Is the man dismissed?

A. Yes, and the copy of his letter of dismissal has been published in the *Napanee Beaver*.

*By Mr. Molloy:*

Q. Is it not a fact that an agent might be misled by the man who is applying for a place on a farm?

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—That is not the complaint.

A. We place men with farmers who have been in other occupations in the old country.

*By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):*

Q. That is not the complaint at all. The complaint is that Mr. Miller placed men, or said he placed men, that he did not place at all in the first instance, and in the second place he stated that he placed men as farmers or farm labourers who were not farmers or farm labourers.

A. I am willing to admit that is what he did.

Q. And he should be punished.

A. Now we do not pay one of those claims until we get the signature of the farmer.

*By Mr. Wilson (Laval):*

Q. You would not like to say that in every case these parties were acting in bad faith and that they should be prosecuted?

A. Oh, no.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—What do you say about the first case, that of Spinks who was located with a grocer in the town of Napanee, he and seven children. Mr. Miller afterwards found he was located there and he reports that he located him with a farmer when he did not locate him at all, and the man with whom he reported he had located was a grocer.