

CIGARETTES, PROHIBITION OF—*Con.*

solution declaring that it is expedient to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes—Mr. Maclaren (Huntingdon)—247. Motion allowed to stand—247.

Motion by Mr. Maclaren (Huntingdon) that the House go into committee to consider resolution; that it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes—336.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—359.

Resolution does not strike at root of evil. If tobacco is permitted to be manufactured and sold, youths cannot be prevented from making cigarettes for themselves—359. The subject should engage the attention of parliament, but there are difficulties in the way of reaching the evil by the method suggested—360. Last year there was a distinct pledge that legislation of some kind would be introduced by the government to meet this evil—361.

Douglas, J. M. (East Assiniboia)—356.

Our duty is to make it difficult for people to go astray—356. A great many people are very shy at the word 'prohibit,' but in society we cannot do without the word 'prohibit'—357.

Henderson, David (Halton)—355.

Trusted the resolution would carry, if for no other purpose than as a means of educating the people of the country—355.

Holmes, Robert (West Huron)—350.

The promoters of Dominion legislation realize that provincial legislation has not been effective. Trade and navigation returns show that the habit is growing—350. We are bound to prevent the deterioration of our youth—351.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—362.

Never able to understand that the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes is more noxious than in any other form. The legislation on the statute-book is sufficient to prevent the manufacture of noxious substances—362. Would prevent boys from smoking not only cigarettes, but tobacco in any form—363. The Minister of Justice had endeavoured to cope with the evil, but with indifferent success—364.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—351.

Was a cigarette smoker himself—351. Began shortly after ten years of age, and had not found that it hurt at school, college or otherwise. The Spaniards were not defeated in Cuba because they smoked cigarettes—it was the smoke of the powder that defeated them—352.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—353.

In sympathy with the movement, so far as parliament can go—354.

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Maclaren, W. S. (Huntingdon)—336.

The object of good government is to promote the welfare of the people—336. Opinions quoted of those who have made a study of cigarette smoking—337. Forty-two out of forty-six states of the union have enacted anti-cigarette laws—339. Cigarette smoking doing a great deal of harm to boys and young people—340. It is almost impossible to license and restrain an evil—341.

Macpherson, R. A. (Burrard)—357.

Made it a principle not to employ a boy who smoked cigarettes, because a boy who smokes cigarettes will do almost anything to get them—357. Morphine, cocaine and the cigarette habit all go together—358.

Oliver, Frank (Alberta)—349.

Will vote for resolution, but the difficulties in the way of securing passage of the Act are great, and the difficulties of national enforcement would be greater—349.

Oster, E. B. (West Toronto)—354.

Did not believe the Bill would accomplish the end in view; more evil wrought by bad cooking than by the use of tobacco—354.

Puttee, A. W. (Winnipeg)—355.

Last session the Minister of Justice proposed, in connection with the Criminal Code amendment, what appeared to be a better way of dealing with this evil—355.

Richardson, M. K. (South Grey)—343.

If the cigarette habit is the evil which we believe it to be, it is one that demands a prompt and effective remedy—343. About interfering with private judgment and personal liberty—344. Evidence quoted from medical, educational and business men—345. The question attracting widespread attention, not only in Canada and the United States, but in England—347. National deterioration a marked result of the wide-spread use of tobacco—348.

Ross, Hon. Wm. (Victoria, N. S.)—358.

Parliament is here to protect the people's best interests, and in safeguarding the welfare of our young men we accomplish that result. We suffer more from eating too much than from eating too little—358.

Mr. Speaker—342.

The only question before the Chair is the one that I should now leave the chair, to enable the House to go into committee.. 342.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—341.

I rise to inquire whether this discussion is regular?—341.

CIGARETTES—PROHIBITION OF—SECOND READING.

Motion of Mr. Maclaren (Huntingdon) that it is expedient to bring a Bill to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale. Resolution adopted and read a first time—3772. Order for second reading, Minister of Justice objects and order stands—3772.