

of the Combines Investigation Act. If our labour unions are to be ruled by somebody outside our national boundaries, then at least those unions should be brought within every restrictive measure, be it the Combines Investigation Act or any other statute. I am inclined to believe that if the suggestion were made that labour unions should come within the provisions of the Act, my honourable friend would be the first to declaim loudly against the suggestion.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: You do not dare do it. You are afraid of the political consequences.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Not at all. There is another statement my honourable friend makes without a shadow of foundation. He has no facts to back up his statement. I say that is a false statement.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The facts speak for themselves.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Then please state the facts.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The facts are that in the law for many years—

Hon. Mr. BLACK: What are the facts to back up what you have just said?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: —there has been a provision exempting labour organizations.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: I admit that. I did not say they were not exempted.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: You have been fearful of attacking that; fearful of the political consequences.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: I suppose that, in saying that, you express your own view and reaction, and the view and reaction of your own party, that it would be a mistake politically to do anything of the kind. The honourable member from Parkdale has no right to impute to me hostility to labour unions.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question before the House, honourable members, is the adoption of the report of the Banking and Commerce Committee. Discussion as to imputations on any member of that committee is not in order, and honourable senators should confine their remarks to the principle of the motion.

There seems to be in some quarters of the House an impression that the wording rather than the method is out of order. I would call attention to section 41, at page 25, of Forms of Proceedings of the Senate:

If the report contains a Bill with amendments, it is likewise ordered to be received—

Hon. Mr. BLACK.

It was received, of course, when it was read by the Clerk.

—and if the amendments, after being read, being unimportant or merely formal, are not objected to or opposed, the Speaker, after the explanation of the senator presenting the report, says: "Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to concur in the amendments to this Bill?—Those in favour of the motion" . . .

and so on. That is the motion now being spoken to.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Mr. Speaker, I insist on the same latitude as was accorded the honourable gentleman who spoke nearly three-quarters of an hour. I will not accept the ruling without appeal to the House.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Go on.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: I am just as much entitled as the honourable senator from Parkdale to take part in the discussion. No one dislikes personalities more than I do. I do not think any honourable senator has heard me indulge in personalities until to-day—if they were personalities. As chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee I have tried to follow very carefully the proceedings of the committee. From beginning to end of the inquiry I heard every sentence uttered by any member who got on his feet, and I did not hear any member of the committee, nor any honourable senator not a member of the committee, make a single remark which could be interpreted to mean that he was opposed to the Combines Investigation Act. Every member, be he lawyer or layman, has the right when a bill is under discussion to say whether or not he agrees with the terms of any particular section. I submit in all sincerity that that statement is in accordance with all that happened before the committee.

Hon. L. COTE: Will honourable members allow me for a few minutes to make reference to something which was stated by the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock)? He did me the honour to refer to me several times during the course of his speech, and appeared to be very angry indeed at—I humbly think—the useful contribution I made to the discussion of the Bill before the Banking and Commerce Committee. In his opening remarks the honourable member said that just before the committee adjourned he heard me yell, "Don't have public inquiries." Whereupon he started to draw conclusions.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Did I say "yell"?

Hon. Mr. COTE: Or cry.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: No, nor "cry."