

Your Committee have considered the following Bills and have agreed to report the same without amendment, viz. :—

Bill No. 129 (Letter G3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Stanley Gordon Eversfield."

Bill No. 124 (Letter F3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Andrew Pepper."

Bill No. 139 (Letter I3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of James Frederick Neild."

Bill No. 140 (Letter J3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Mabel Anna Ferguson."

Bill No. 147 (Letter L3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Annie Miville."

Bill No. 146 (Letter K3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Herbert John Lawrence."

Your Committee beg to recommend that the additional charge levied under Rule 89, subsections 1c and 8, on Bill No. 129 (G3), for the relief of Stanley Gordon Eversfield be refunded.

Mr. Nicholson (Algoma), from the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring forthwith as to the prices charged throughout Canada for foodstuffs, clothing, fuel and other necessaries of life, and as to the rates of profit made thereon by dealers and others concerned in their production, distribution and sale, also as to the rentals of dwelling houses in industrial centres of Canada and rates of return of capital invested therein, etc., presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee since their appointment on the 30th day of May last have held thirty-six morning, afternoon and evening sessions, heard and considered the evidence given under oath of sixty-six persons representing various producers, manufacturers, wholesale, retail and consumers' organizations from various parts of Canada; also have received numerous petitions, resolutions and other communications, all of which have been considered.

Your Committee have been engaged continuously from the 5th day of June last to the present date in obtaining all information possible from witnesses and all available sources but have not yet reached a point in their investigation that would warrant them in submitting final conclusions. There has come to the attention of your committee evidence in regard to undue profits being made on certain commodities. Your committee in order to provide a means by which a recurrence of such may be prevented and that the public may be protected against unfair practices in trade recommend to the consideration of the House and the Government that legislation be enacted at this session of Parliament creating a tribunal with power to investigate mergers, trusts, monopolies or organizations of any kind or nature, which tend to limit facilities for transporting, producing, manufacturing, supplying, storing, or preventing, limiting or lessening manufacture or production, or fixing a common price, or a resale price, or a common rental, or a common cost of storage, or transportation, or enhancing the price, rental or cost of article, rental, storage or transportation or preventing or lessening competition in or substantially controlling within any particular district, or generally, production, manufacture, purchase, barter, sale, transportation, insurance, or supply, or otherwise restraining or injuring commerce, or unduly enhancing the price of the necessaries of life, also with regulative power in connection with discriminations in price between different purchasers of commodities, exclusive purchase and sale arrangements, inter-corporate shareholding and interlocking directorates and unfair methods in commerce.