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The investigation showed that Canadian manufacturers of watch cases were compelled to join an American Association or be "frozen out" and in the report of the Committee it was stated that if the American Association <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ successful in their efforts, a flourishing Canadian industry would be destroyed. Considerable attention was devoted by this Committee to the investigation of a combine between the sugar refiners and the Dominion Grocers Guild, which was entered into in April of 1887, and the Committee found "the Grocers' Guild, with its several combinations to be abnoxious to the public interest in limiting competition, in enhancing prices, and by the familiar use of its growing and facile powers tending to produce and propagate all the evils of monopoly. Certain dealers <sup>are</sup> refused admission into its ranks, others are admitted and afterwards expelled, others again are placed under its ban who are from conscientious scruples or in a spirit of independence refuse to join them. Merchants who have been buyers on equal terms with equal facilities as other merchants suddenly find themselves under the power of this combination."

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