

TOBACCO INDUSTRY—CANCELLATION OF LICENSES—FIRST READING—Con.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—Con.

to give government—8407. Question of cancelling a license for a large combine on eve of general election, not desirable; why not provide that license becomes ipso facto void; why not empower Attorney General to go to court without delay—8408.

Minister neither makes general law nor confines application of law to cases where evil exists—8428. Should do one or the other; what about proposed amendment to the criminal code; wants information as to extent of evil—8429.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—8393.

Moves resolution; legislation asked for by majority of tobacco growers of the country—8393. Outcome of MacTavish report; complaints of combine tending to create monopoly, and destroy independent manufacturers; combine complains of legislation as arbitrary; history of the combine—8394. Quotes New York 'Tribune' that combine paid a million for cigarette business in Canada; killing independent cigarette manufacturers; MacTavish on companies under their control; amalgamated plug tobacco business—8395. Methods of doing business, exclusive contracts; quotes language of the clause—8396. Dealers may sell other foreign tobaccos; but not Canadian tobacco; plain that they are discriminating against our own product; no information as to fight in Great Britain; thinks an arrangement was come to—8397. Quotes book as result in Great Britain; contracts made with grocers in 1898—8398. Quotes Mr. Bristol on the methods of the American combine; American trust firmly established in Canada; no restraint of trade should be allowed in this country; let us have a free country in all respects—8399. No American trust should be allowed to control our manufactures; special contracts should not be allowed as they discriminate against our manufacture. Anti-trust legislation in the United States; proved ineffective; this is only way of dealing with American trust—8400. Give them treatment they are giving others; only ask power to declare contracts cancelled; quotes wholesale grocers' resolution; power asked less arbitrary than that given under ancient statute; quotes Act of 1893 empowering minister to refuse licenses; this only cancels for cause—8401. Extraordinary power exists in regard to non-payment of dues, but has never been abused. Fears having cases dragged through the courts for years; trust taking control of cigarette business and have formed trust for plug tobacco; interference with private business—8402. Perhaps not perfect, but will meet the evil—8403.

Power already exists as far as granting licenses goes—8407.

Renewal of license an interference with vested interests—8412. Possibility of clash with local legislatures—8413.

Never took up defence of Standard Oil Company—8416. Government took matter up

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and broke the contract—8417. Law should be general, applying to all licenses—8428. Question not within scope of inquiry—8429. Judge MacTavish did not investigate in regard to other trades; would give trust an opportunity of cancelling exclusive contracts, no other combine amongst licenses—8430. Will ascertain if exclusive contracts are still existent, must have proof before cancelling—8431. Must have reports from officials, then will take immediate action—8432. Cannot expect trust to furnish proof—8433. As soon as evidence is handed me, the cancelling will begin—8434.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. C. (Minister of Justice)—8433.

Proof that government realizes importance of question lies in fact of submission of resolution even at this late date of session; can be no doubt that government will execute law intended to put an end to monopoly—8433.

Gallagher, W. A. (Yale and Cariboo)—8426.

Heartily endorses resolution; encouragement to native tobacco—8426. Quotes regarding Kelowna industry—8427.

Gourley, Seymour E. (Colchester)—8420.

Despite criticism feels that they should support the measure; cannot refuse support because it does not attack other evils; let us attack as best we can—8420. Cannot foresee devilish ingenuity in evasion; result in England; interests have found House of Commons able and willing to deal with evil—8421. Must put arbitrary power in hands of minister; those tyrants cannot complain; Standard Oil Company's plan of operations—8422. Parliament must fight evils of this kind; trusts cannot control parliament; shall have established a precedent—8423. Will be able to control them; combines never regarded vested rights; cannot plead them; credit due to Mr. Brodeur—8424.

Holmes, Robert (West Huron)—8427.

Approves resolution, but regrets killing of cigarette Bill—8427. Popularity of prohibition of cigarettes for boys—8428.

Leonard, J. E. Emile (Laval)—8431.

From Mr. Brodeur's reticence in stating what delay there will be in applying the law he understands that all he wants is to win elections two months hence; wants positive statement that it will come into force immediately—8431.

MacLaren, W. S. (Huntingdon)—8424.

His cigarette Bill hardly got fair play—8424. Entirely in sympathy with measure; tables showing increase in output of cigarettes; what it means—8425. Shows increase in consumption by boys; heartily in favour of resolution—8426.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—8398.

Trusts combined in Great Britain, each retained own territory and divided the colony—8398.