

chants are beginning to go to Ottawa in opposition to the bill. "Amongst ye be it, blind harpers!" Another bill, somewhat on the same line, entitled "An Act respecting Co-operation," which appeared last year, is again introduced; this time by Mr. Martin (Regina). The Government has manifested some interest in both these bills.

Among other commercial legislation is a bill of Mr. Carvell's, to fix the weight of a barrel of potatoes at 160 lbs. The want of such legislation has meant a loss of thousands of dollars to the farmers. A Government measure dealing with white phosphorus is for the stated purpose of minimizing the danger caused by white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches, and prohibits the importation of matches so made. Another Government measure prohibits the importation, manufacture, sale and use of opium, cocaine and morphine for other than scientific or medicinal purposes. The bill is introduced by the Minister of Labour, who conducted extensive investigations into the opium traffic in British Columbia the year before last. Exhaustive search may be made for the drugs, which may be seized, the burden of proof is put on the offender, and there are heavy penalties for offences against the Act. Offences may be tried before any judge of sessions, recorder, police or stipendiary magistrate, or two justices of the peace, and no conviction, judgment or order may be removed by certiorari into any court of record.

The bill respecting pure foods, introduced last session by Major Currie, is reintroduced this year. Very strict provisions are proposed. The bill applies to every article of food or drug which is packed, bottled, tinned or stored, or offered for sale, or prepared for meals. Complete provision is made for Government inspection, and there are heavy penalties for infractions of the law. The plan of the legislation seems to have been well thought out, and is worthy of careful consideration by Parliament.

Mr. Lewis seeks to prohibit the sale of poisons except on the authority of a medical certificate or prescription, and requires