

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—*Con.*

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combines, 6822. Trusts and combines may have caused in some cases increase of prices, 6823. 'What is the Canada Cement Company, Limited,' from the *Citizen*, 6824. The *Toronto Globe* on the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., 6825. Quotes Prof. Jenks on the 'Trust Problem,' 6826. Quotes Wm. E. Collier on 'Trusts,' 6827. A deputation asking aid in the control of combines, 6828. Quotes W. W. Cook, of New York, and Prof. Jenks, 6829. No single act can hope to cope with all these evils, 6830. A sense of obligation to consumers or to society generally is lost, 6831. Quotes section 1, of the Sherman Act, 6832. Quotes Roosevelt's message to congress in 1906, 6833. Quotes Taft's special message to congress on January 7 this year, 6834-5. Laws on combines—French, Austrian, German and Australian, 6836. It is not assumed that combines are wholly responsible for the increase in price, 6837. The place the proposed legislation holds in the scheme of legislation already enacted, 6838. In the speech from the Throne it was stated it was to render more effective existing legislation, 6839. Mr. Clarke Wallace and trusts and combines, the evidence before the committee, 6840. The significance of the section in the Criminal Code introduced by Mr. Wallace, 6841. Quotes Sir John Thompson. No new penalty added by hon. gentlemen opposite, 6842. The true prophesy of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's legislation in 1897, 6843. The consumers in Canada have profited by a reduction of ten per cent in the duty on paper, 6844. Quotes Sproule in the debate in 1897, 6845. The manner in which a complaint is preferred is an all important consideration, 6846. The objection is removed by enabling the parties themselves to start the machinery before a high court judge, 6847. The expenses in conducting an enquiry under the present law are very considerable, 6848. Where a prima facie case is made out the state will bear the cost of enquiry, 6849. An objection that it is unfair to put the onus on anybody rather than on the state, 6850. A good deal to be said for and against the employment of a judge, 6851. The remedies which the law affords at the present time are not adequate, 6852. The Royal Commission on tobacco. The legislation of 1904 will be made more effective, 6853. Impossible to foresee all the circumstances under which injurious combines may spring up, 6854. The present measure proposes to deal in a special way with combinations of this kind, 6855. All the arguments against this Act could be argued against the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 6856. Quotes H. W. Clews on investigations, 6857. Quotes F. W. Thompson and a Toronto lawyer, 6858. The other alternative is to appoint a permanent commission, 6859. A communi-

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cation from the master of the Dominion Grange, 6860. Believes the Bill will prove not only a benefit to the nation, but an onward step in social progress, 6861. Possibly Sproule has not read the penalty clauses of this measure, 6890. He could hardly have noticed this section, 6891. The Bill deals with money matters and this resolution is necessary, 6904.

*Lewis, E. N.* (West Huron)—6861.

No doubt that the people of this country are very much worked up in regard to combines, 6861. Only one remedy. One board of experts like the Railway Board, 6862.

*McLean, M. Y.* (South Huron)—6872.

Had drawn the attention of the House and the government to the danger from mergers, 6872. In my opinion this legislation is calculated to provide the missing link, 6873. It will meet the approval of the large majority of the people of this country, 6874.

*Pardee, F. F.* (West Lambton)—6877.

The machinery of existing legislation is not sufficient to give effect to the provisions of this Bill, 6877. It can be shown that foreigners receive goods cheaper than the home market, 6878. Surely this should be remedied by this parliament on the first opportunity, 6879.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—6887.

Examined the Bill cursorily, surprised and disappointed, only provides for an investigation and report, 6887. No attempt made to enforce existing law, if it is a failure the government responsible, 6888. A combine in leather; could have been attacked under the Criminal Code, 6889. You have repealed section 12 of the Customs Act of 1907, 6890. The defect in this Bill, 6891. What is wanted is an effective remedy that will compel combines to observe the law, 6892.

*Taylor, G.* (Leeds)—6879.

Better pass the resolution and have the discussion on the Bill, 6879.

*Wright, W.* (Muskoka)—6892.

The idea prevails that the consuming public are being unduly taxed by the combines, 6892. List of combines as they flourish in England, 6893. Would the minister attempt to deal with all these small matters, 6894. Believes the minister is acting along the right lines, 6895. Thinks a general commission would be much more effective, 6896. There would not be much difficulty from the standpoint of the combinations, 6897.