

Competition Bill

cent of the people do not have a higher education, then the government should move in and attempt to protect them from the sharp dealers, the pyramid sellers and all the rest. If you have the direct reverse, a highly educated society, I think you need less and less of this type of protection.

This bill deals with a lot of things. It has tried to outlaw pyramid selling, which I am not in favour of but I think it is a recognizable practice and people should be able to reject it. If the government wants to pass laws prohibiting it, however, I guess I would support that. We have price maintenance and a number of other things in this legislation, as well as a section dealing with amateur sports. There are many would-be athletes, many retired athletes in this House and many people sympathetic to the younger generation, who feel that we must do something to control this contracting of amateurs and younger people in our society. One could become very sympathetic toward the youth of society, but of course there is another side to the story.

There used to be only 16 teams in the NHL and many of us felt that there should be more. Many hockey players could have made the NHL if there had been more teams. Competition actually broke the close combine that operated in those 16 teams—competition and the demand for entertainment. On this continent we now have 28 professional hockey teams. I do not think the calibre of play is as good as it used to be, but certainly we must encourage a great many hockey players. Canada can be proud of its record in this sport. We are training a lot of hockey players to meet the demands of the 28 professional teams. For this training we have to build arenas, and many parents have to give freely of their time.

I see that it is six o'clock, Mr. Speaker. I should like to expound a great deal further on this bill and I hope I will be in the House when it is next debated.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
