

which, while being immoral, is nevertheless tolerated by the state.

"The result was that the farmers in many cases had to sell their factories to the Canners' Combine, and the people in consequence must pay whatever the trust dictates. What those prices are to the Western farmers was given by a *Guide* correspondent recently as twenty and twenty-five cents per quart can of tomatoes and fifteen cents for a pint can of peas or corn. The profits pouring into the pockets of the combine magnates may be judged from the fact that a bushel of good tomatoes will make from ten to twelve cans, whereas the farmers who raise them are paid only twenty-five cents per crate of sixty pounds, subject to being docked on much the same principle as grain grading. This means that the trust extorts from the consumer \$1.50 or more for goods which have cost them twenty cents or thereabouts, which would seem to leave a snug margin above the cost of canning.

"Yet," says the *Guide*, "when the Canners' Combine was under investigation in the Dominion Parliament, there were no fewer than three of the members directly interested in preserving intact the monopoly now enjoyed, and any adverse action was effectively staved off. This is only another instance to back home the truth that in order to look after their own interests and offer any effectual opposition to the special interests in food combines as in other enterprises, the farmers themselves must have their own representatives on the floor of Parliament."

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IS THERE A MEAT TRUST?

Toronto is asking the Dominion Government to have a searching inquiry made into the truth of the charge "that the supply and distribution of meat, within the city of Toronto, and throughout the Dominion of Canada, is regu-